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Albany City Council waives cardroom's 'drop-dead date'

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Under the potential threat of a lawsuit which, at least publicly, was never made, the City Council made an abrupt about-face Monday night and breathed new life into the proposed cardroom at Golden Gate Fields.

By a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Jon Ely opposed, the council entered into an Administrative Implementation Memorandum (AIM) with Ladbrooke Racing Corp. to mutually waive the "drop dead date" in the development agreement approved by voters in 1994. Although the AIM had been altered somewhat since a Dec. 16 hearing, where the council appeared ready to vote 3-2 against such a move, the action authorized Monday night was essentially the same.

With Mayor Bob Good and Councilmember Peggy Thomsen changing their previously-expressed positions, the council authorized City Ad-

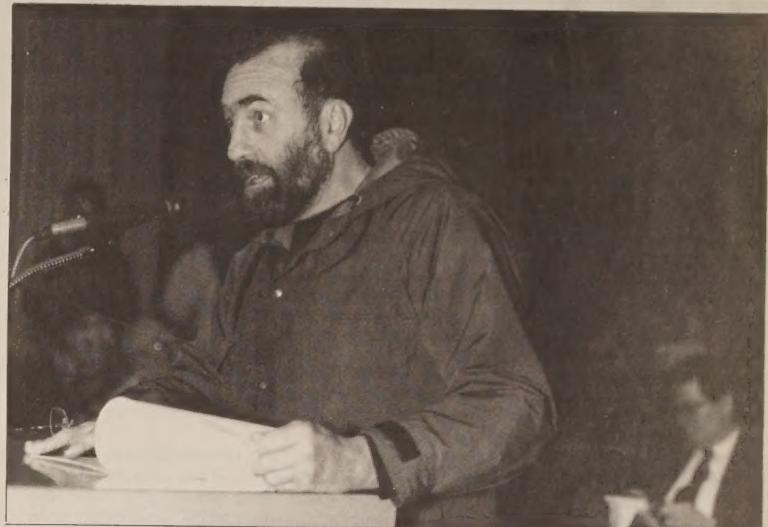
ministrator Daren Fields to sign the AIM, which has been the subject of tremendous debate since the issue surfaced last fall.

Good apparently voted in favor because of a clause in the development agreement allowing permitted delays was invoked, Thomsen voted in favor because she said she did not want to put the city at risk of a lawsuit from Ladbrooke.

The proposal before the council was not a formal amendment to the development agreement but rather an addendum, according to City Attorney Robert Zweben, who said the action was authorized by the agreement itself. According to Ladbrooke attorney Anna Shimko, an amendment would have resulted in a change in the material terms or language of the agreement, whereas the AIM was meant to clarify and interpret it.

In this case, the AIM acknowledged a permitted delay as a result of the lawsuit filed by the Citizen for Respon-

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Resident Matthew Rinaldi, voicing his support for the waiver, was one of close to 100 audience members in attendance at Monday's City Council meeting.

Chester King Vega

El Cerrito declares state of emergency

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — City officials declared El Cerrito to be in a state of emergency during last week's heavy storm. Despite the serious impacts caused by the downpour, however, El Cerrito fared much better this year than last.

The downpour fell most intensely during the early morning hours of New Year's Day. Maintenance services supervisor Bruce King called the city's police dispatch operator Richmond at 6 a.m.; he thought nothing might be going on.

"I asked if we were, by any chance, having some flooding problems. They said, 'You sure are.' I ate a few calls had come in."

Roadway flooding was the first thing King encountered on arriving in El Cerrito. San Pablo Avenue's southbound lanes were completely closed from Potrero Avenue to Hill Street, he said. Police officers were diverting traffic to Potrero. In addition to roadway flooding, there were a number of small incidents occurring throughout the city, most cases, he said, creeks had overflowed, with so much rain falling over so little time, either breaching the creeks themselves or carrying



The force of water runoff uplifted Hill Road, closing the street between the Del Norte BART station and Target in El Cerrito.

ing debris down that blocked the inlets.

He called in two additional public works crew members and worked together with the El Cerrito Fire Department's New Year's Eve shift, which had been held over, and the incoming New Year's Day shift. An emergency operations center was set up at the fire department to assess the situation.

"We were trying to respond to the worst areas and (to determine) what we could accomplish quickly," he said.

For the most part, that meant

cleaning a lot of debris out of catch basins, so the water could go where it was supposed to go.

Mayor Norma Jellison said Monday that flooding didn't cause nearly the problems it could have. She credited the city's newly renovated storm drain system and staff efforts in keeping the drains clear and well-maintained.

Jellison drew special attention to the efforts of maintenance and engineering supervisor Mori Struve, who said he had actually been "disappointed" that any flooding problems

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Clubhouse to be razed

Building's foundation is beyond repair

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito City Council has approved the demolition of Canyon Trail Clubhouse. Seismic activity has made the building's foundation unstable and, in the opinion of a consulting engineer, unsafe for use. The council agreed, though members pressed their disappointment in losing a public facility built 30 years ago for the enjoyment of the community. Just a year ago, the city was making plans for renovation of the clubhouse. Inspection in January of 1996 revealed nothing unusual in the building's exterior.

In March, however, the childcare staff closed the clubhouse for city programs. The building official about tested the building's foundation about tiles that were posing a tripping hazard. An investigation revealed that a crack in the cement floor was lifting one of the tiles.

"We hired someone to make these repairs," said administrative services manager Jim Randall. "We felt that was a problem."

In May, the building official and project architect walked the site; no dif-

ference in floor elevation was noted. Again, renovation plans were underway, with contractors bidding on the work.

That changed Sept. 24, when childcare staff again called about structural problems. A crack in the concrete floor had risen about 1-inch in the center of the building; a roof beam was separating from its connection. Two doors leading onto the clubhouse deck were buckled and stuck closed; large cracks in the building's sheetrock were also noted.

Two days later, the building official, project architect and two hired consultants, a structural engineer and a geotechnical engineer, investigated the reported problems. It became clear that the settling of the building was posing a hazard, though the cause was still unknown. The childcare program was immediately moved to the Castro Childcare Center. Neither the building or deck have been occupied since that time.

The geotechnical engineer has since tested the soils and found that no subsurface conditions were causing the problem. Test borings of the soil condition did reveal a void, varying from 1-inch to 3-



Canyon Trail Clubhouse was built 30 years ago.

New Lucky store sought for El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — American Stores is proposing to build a new Lucky store in northern El Cerrito. The store would be built on the property where Winston Tire is currently located, adjacent to both Baxter Creek and the Macdonald Avenue Lucky store, which is located in Richmond.

The new Lucky store will measure 60,000 square feet in size. The building will be located in El Cerrito, the parking lot in Richmond.

The entire site under consideration includes Richmond property currently subject to a leasehold, as well as El Cerrito property designated as Redevelopment Target Area 8. It is bounded by Macdonald Avenue, San Pablo Avenue, Key Boulevard and Conlon Avenue.

The current Richmond store, which is about 30,000 square feet in size, will be razed, but the city of Richmond will still receive some revenues from the new store. As is

the case with Home Depot, El Cerrito and Richmond will share sales tax revenues since the project is located in both cities. At Home Depot, however, the layout is reversed. The parking lot lies in El Cerrito; the store is located in Richmond.

The project will be oriented for access toward the intersection of Macdonald and San Pablo Avenues.

In November, city staff notified property owners within the Winston Tire site that the Redevelopment Agency was again considering development of the area. Property owners were offered the opportunity to submit their own proposals, but none expressed interest.

At its Jan. 21 meeting, the Redevelopment Agency will consider entering into an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with American Stores for the project.

Under the terms of the proposed ENRA, American Stores would be required to complete several tasks

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Say goodbye to the end of an era

"THE MOVING FINGER writes and, having writ, moves on..."

More than past garden variety years in Albany history, a mere recounting of events occurring during the late 1996 wouldn't shed much light. Last year appears to me to herald the end of an era, or the beginning of the end of a mini-reign anyway. To be appreciated, 1996 requires context which, you guessed, these moving fingers mean to supply before they move on.

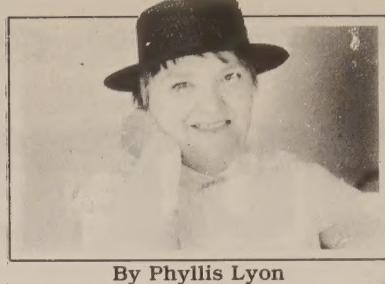
Suppose the standard for measure is an Albany moseying along year to year, minding our own business, doing our small town ambience thing. Periodically a political quake, or some might say correction, occurs, influenced all or in part by social trends or upheavals going on all over. The demi-uprising is incited by banner-waving Young Turks, who are customarily labelled by a solidified citizenry as ignorant, ambitious upstarts.

For instance, in the sixties roaring and stomping activist students in University Village turned the town into an anti-Nam enclave and updated our civil rights behaviors. When the war was over they went back to their PhDs. New faces appeared in the seventies to drop a bomb on zoning laws which, they said, were fast leading to tall buildings and tarmac all over town. They were recalled.

THE PAST FOUR YEARS IN ALBANY qualify as such an era — or six years if you count the triumph of Measure C which I called a "bloodless coup" at the time and was therupon exonerated as a "sore loser." As happens when sides choose up, exorcism and the bandying of bad words and nasty remarks have escalated since 1990.

So the new order marched into city hall with the watchword "Environment" blazoned on its escutcheon. Tree-, creek-, trail-, park-loving citizens, I'm one, got their first surprise when they discovered the green candidates had spent not the former measly hundreds on their campaigns, but unAlbany thousands.

To carry out the green mandate or to nail down absolute control, one, city government was re-engineered or technocracized. The lid screwed down tight on city hall. A sore loser again, I think the single worst act by the council in the past four years was deciding they only needed to meet when or if, in effect, they felt like it. So I find some justice in the fact that their apparent



By Phyllis Lyon

disregard for citizen participation came back to bite them.

WEAVING THROUGH THE FOUR, or six, or more, years past is, of course, the Card Room. The persistence of local anti-card room people combined with the rising mistrust of the value card rooms generally cut into the credibility of councilmembers committed to permitting one in Albany. They kept saying it was Green, but the only thing green about the card room it seems was money — money spent on selling it in the first place, the promise of money to fall on the city in bundles.

With the election in 1996 of the avowed anti-card room candidate and the re-election of now Mayor Good who had been scorned during most of his first term for putting a monkey wrench in the program, the fabric of the latest era unravelled. Voters signed up to buy Albany Hill, but having creeks and ball fields jump on that fiscal bandwagon didn't sit well with hill dwellers, who wanted it all. And voters foiled the scheme to close city hall down even further by keeping the choice of some elected officials for themselves.

SOME EVENTS OF 1996 cannot be explained by those of us outside of the inner circle, only speculated on. I think the charismatic leader, Mike Brodsky, still had the follow-him-anywhere power needed not only to shepherd passage of the city measures but to elect an anointed successor, or two, and maybe even push through the card room.

I was not surprised he chose not to. Detractors said, among others things, that Mike was a wily pol whose eye was always on the main chance. Not so, he's an English Major. English majors have soft philosophical underbellies; they know a hawk from a hand saw.

ALTHOUGH MY CRYSTAL BALL is somewhat clouded, I think I see Albany as green as ever under the new new order. I also see the watchword on the banners has been changed to "The Children."



■ Police Reports

Albany rescue crews respond to accident

By K. Osborn

witnesses.

On the afternoon of Dec. 31 a woman reported that she left her purse in her car while she shopped in a store on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. When she returned to her car her purse was gone. There were no witnesses.

At about 1:15 a.m. on Jan. 1 the owner of the mini-mart on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a couple of minutes prior two white male juveniles had entered his store and ran out with several beers. The subjects were gone when officers arrived.

At about 1:50 a.m. on Jan. 1 a woman at a bar on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that their house had been broken into. It was unknown at the time of the report what had been taken and there were no witnesses.

At about 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 30 a resident on the 900 block of Pierce Street reported that her rental car, a blue Buick Century, had been stolen from in front of her house. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Dec. 30 an Albany man reported that his gray 1988 Accura Legend had been stolen. There were no witnesses. Fortunately, it was located in Hercules on Jan. 2 and returned to the owner.

On the afternoon of Dec. 30 an Albany resident reported that her white 1987 Toyota van was stolen while it was parked on the 800 block of Masonic Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On Jan. 1 there were numerous reports around Albany of flooding and flood related problems.

On the afternoon of Jan. 1 Albany officers contact a man with a head injury who was lying on the ground on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue. He was found to have a cut on his nose and was very intoxicated. Albany paramedics attended to his injury as he refused to be transported to the hospital. He

was arrested to be released sober.

On the afternoon of Jan. 1 a woman at a doctor's office on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue reported that within the previous minutes a thief had stolen a gun which was in the side yard of the doctor's office. There were no witnesses.

At about 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 1 Albany officers responded to a Safeway store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a group of people acting disorderly in a parking lot. Officers found a group of people from Berkeley in causing problems. They resisted officers and some attempted to run away. After questioning, men were arrested and their car towed.

At about noon on Jan. 3 Albany officers observed an Albany man near the intersection of Posse and Ordway streets who is known to have two outstanding warrants in Berkeley. One warrant for burglary in the amount of \$2,500 and one for "no bail" warrant. Helwas was arrested when sober.

A Berkeley man reported finding a man lying on the steps of Curtis Street behind Marin School who appeared to have passed out. Officers found a Berkeley man who was intoxicated and very disoriented. He was arrested to be released when sober.

On the night of Jan. 4 security officer at the Safeway

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■ Letters to the Editor

Vastly different views

Editor:

On Nov. 28 reporter Greg Hugunin broke new and offensive ground in this newspaper when he informed us that some Albany youths think the city, let us say, blanks. (You can supply the five-letter word for "suction" as I feel it is has no place in a family newspaper.)

This isn't the first time recently Hugunin's perceptions and mine have differed by 180 degrees. On Nov. 21 in an article on Mayor Brodsky, Hugunin informed us that when he looked at the Golden Gate Bridge from Albany Hill, San Francisco was on his right and Marin County on his left. Only if he fell off the hill, got washed out to sea, and was viewing it all from there could I see it his way.

In the Nov. 28 story on the pitiful plight of Albany youths, Hugunin was once again at sea without a directional clue. This time it was a sea of disgruntled youths floundering about in their own inertia and whining the old whine, "There's nothing for us to do in Albany."

And of course there were the obligatory complaints of "police harassment" from the pot smokers. However oppressive this was, it was insufficient to stop them from toking up in public in front of a reporter.

I would like to know when the notion first got about that it was the business of the city to find amusements for youthful minds and hands. Nobody worried about ours when I was young, and it never occurred to us they should. We didn't have TV, either.

In Albany, currently the schools and the city provide a good many facilities and programs for youngsters who care to avail themselves of them. And yet the cry is going up for the city to throw more money at the supposed problem.

The fact is that Albany could devote its entire budget to recreational facilities and programs and the small percent of the kids complaining today would be complaining then.

This is not to say that good, well-run programs like the city's Teen Center, which now services 67 middle school students and is bursting at the seams, shouldn't be expanded. This one should, and a judicious use of funds for older youths may also be appropriate.

But for now let me suggest the following to youngsters who can find nothing to do with their out-of-school time:

1. Do your homework, and if that doesn't take you at least three to four hours a night, you should request more. Education is your job today, and society taxes itself heavily to make it available to you. Employers are impressed by your grades and degrees and not how much time you logged on a skateboard or in a video arcade.

2. Get a part time job or make one. There is a whole city of people here who can't get anybody but pricey professionals to mow their lawns and do other odd but necessary jobs.

3. Develop an interest in a sport, a hobby, or a community program, etc. Such activities have started millions of people on the road to good jobs or lucrative businesses of their own.

4. Understand that if you can't find constructive uses for your own time, nobody else can either—no matter how much they spend trying. Every day you are laying the foundation for your whole life. What you learn and the attitudes you develop are what will determine whether it is a success or a failure. Don't let yourself down now; it's mighty hard to get up later.

4. Remember the old saw: "If you're bored, you're boring" is just as true as it ever was.

Dave Greer, Albany

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• A Berkeley woman was arrested for battery for hitting an El Cerrito woman on the afternoon of Dec. 23.

• A home in the 200 block of Behrens Street was burglarized on the early afternoon of Dec. 19. A rear door was pried open with a screwdriver; Christmas presents and other items were taken, including electronic equipment, jewelry and clothing. Two male juveniles wearing bulky ski jackets were seen.

• Two male juveniles, wearing a red windbreaker and a yellow windbreaker, were discovered in a basement in the 1500 block of Liberty at 11:40 p.m. Dec. 30. They were frightened off by the victim and took nothing.

• A 1987 Nissan Stanza was stolen from an open garage in the 2500 block of Edwards Avenue during the early morning hours of Dec. 29; the keys and a purse were inside the car.

• Rings were reported stolen from a residence in the 800 block of Balboa Drive during the daytime Dec. 18.

• A bike was taken from the rear yard of a Liberty Street residence (1400 block) overnight Dec. 23. An umbrella was taken from a front porch in the 1600 block of Richmond Street Dec. 26 at 2:30 p.m.; a male suspect was seen. Tools were reported stolen from an uninhabited residence in the 5800 block of San Diego Street between Dec. 21 and 22.

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• A plate glass window was smashed at Grand Auto at 8:57 p.m.

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Winter classes set to begin

ALBANY — Day and evening classes are scheduled to begin at the Albany Adult School the week of Jan. 13.

Over 160 courses will be offered during the 10 week session including art, drawing, music, body conditioning, health, safety, business, English as Second Language, 5 foreign languages, Macintosh and IBM computer courses.

Those wishing to register early may do so at the day office, 655 Key Route boulevard from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mail registration is accepted if received by Jan. 10. For more information telephone 559-6580.

A partial listing of new adult education courses includes; Income Tax Preparation, Improve Our Relationship, Aging Parents: Housing and Healthcare Options, You Can Get it Done, Cockades; Flowers Made from Ribbon and Vocal Jazz Workshop.

Class schedules and course summaries are available at all local libraries from Berkeley to Inglewood and all Albany schools.

To place a classified ad call 339-8777



A resident tosses his tree into a mountain of Christmas trees to recycle

Trees make for plenty of mulching material

There's still time to recycle Christmas trees in El Cerrito

EL CERRITO — Staff at the El Cerrito Recycling Center recommends reusing or recycling as many of your holiday items as possible. It is a busy time of year at the recycling center, but materials are always welcome. Here are

some of the special items accepted during the holiday season.

Christmas Trees

Residents can recycle their Christmas trees at the center on Schmidt Lane. The tree will be chipped and turned into mulch. This mulch is free for pickup year round at the El Cerrito Recycling Center.

To recycle your tree, please follow these steps:

1) remove all decorations, including tinsel;

2) remove the stand

3) remove all nails;

4) bring your tree to the El Cerrito Recycling Center. Trees are accepted free of charge;

5) Christmas trees only, no yard trimmings, branches, wreaths, or garlands. No flocked or artificial trees.

The El Cerrito Recycling Cen-

ter will accept Christmas trees through Jan. 12. Trees will be accepted 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Corrugated cardboard

The El Cerrito curbside recycling program now accepts corrugated cardboard. You may place flattened cardboard boxes at the curb with your bottles, cans, and newspaper. Either slip your cardboard into a paper grocery bag, or cut it into 2-foot by 3-foot pieces and tie into bundles, no more than one foot high. Thin paperboard boxes and other "mixed papers" are not acceptable. Please bring gift boxes to the Recycling Center.

The El Cerrito Recycling Center is located at 7501 Schmidt Lane. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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January 22, 1997 & February 5, 1997

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

North Berkeley Senior Center • 1901 Hearst Ave.
(at Martin Luther King Jr. Way)

The City of Berkeley Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings on the proposed West Berkeley rezoning on January 22 and February 5. The West Berkeley rezoning proposes a new set of zoning districts to replace the current zoning districts (other than Residential districts) between San Pablo Avenue (both sides) and the I-80 freeway, and modifies live-work and certain other zoning provisions.

The new zoning districts are the same as the land use districts in the West Berkeley Plan, which was adopted by the City Council in December, 1993. The rezoning creates zoning districts and provisions designed to support the West Berkeley Plan's goal of continued vitality of the full range of land uses in West Berkeley - manufacturing, other industrial, residential, retail, office, laboratory, and live-work. Following Planning Commission action on the rezoning, it will be forwarded to the City Council for final action.

For more information, contact Nathan Landau, City of Berkeley Planning and Development Department, 705-8136.

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Newsline

Sign up now for Picture Book Time

EL CERRITO — Picture Book Time for preschoolers ages 3 - 5 will be offered on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Library from Jan. 16 to March 6. Registration begins Jan. 9. Picture Book Time features stories read aloud, songs and fingerplays. Parents are requested to remain in the library during the sessions which last about 30 minutes.

El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa Library is located at 6510 Stockton Avenue. Hours are Monday from 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday closed; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call Agnes Chen, Youth Services Librarian at 526-7512.

Learn the truth about lichens

EL CERRITO — Lichens, those peculiar plants that dwell on rocks, rooftops and trees, will be the subject of the El Cerrito Garden Club's program on Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Janet K. Doell, president of the California Lichen Society, will present a multi-media talk and show, "Lichens are Everywhere."

All are welcome at Club meetings, at a charge of \$2 for non-members. Membership is open to all. Programs are presented following a business meeting and refreshments. For information, call Dee DePruyn, 527-7409.

Ethical concerns topic of discussion

EL CERRITO — Ethical concerns in women's health will be the topic discussed at the Wednesday, Jan. 15 meeting of the Richmond/El Cerrito branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Doctoral candidate Teresa Drought, R.N., who is in

charge of the Oakland Kaiser Permanent Ethics committee will be the speaker. The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be held at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. All are welcome. Call Miriam Oshiro at 526-1127 for more information.

Sierra Club group meeting tonight

EL CERRITO — The West Contra Costa County Group of the Sierra Club will hold a group meeting, Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The subject is environmental concerns in West Contra Costa County. The meeting will take place at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury, El Cerrito.

The January WCCC meeting is

an opportunity for members to talk about local environmental issues. For example, they may discuss toxics, transportation, land-use planning in Hercules. The group will share concerns, brainstorm about appropriate actions, and support each other. This will be a moderated discussion, but the topics of discussion are those members bring to the table.

For meeting information, phone Debbi Landhoff at 233-9733.

County's Rape Crisis Center in need of volunteer trainees

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

— The Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa County needs women volunteers to staff the 24-hour crisis line and to provide accompaniment services through medical and legal proceedings for victims of sexual assault.

The public is invited to attend, and to submit typed memories of Nadel to Berkeley City Councilmember Dona Spring at the fifth floor of the Civic Center Building, 2180 Milvia St.

The next trainings begin Jan. 21 and will continue through Feb. 13, 1997 in Contra Costa. The training is offered at no charge and is open to women ages 18 and over.

The 40-hour training includes all aspects of adult and child sexual assault, crisis intervention techniques, prevention strategies, and active listening skills.

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Genealogy, folk dancing make for an active retirement

In his old, workaday world, Rick Sherman was a professor in the Mechanical Engineering department at Cal. But today, in retirement, he is doing what he loves best. Or rather, the two things that he loves best after his family. And they are genealogy and folk dance. Folk dance came, he says, because genealogy is a very sedentary activity, and the folk dance part keeps him active and going.

No passive interests, these, though. They are very much a major part of his life, and one (or two) that he enjoys hugely.

Rick (short for Frederick) Sherman was born in San Diego and raised in Bonita (out in the country, southeast of San Diego) the family lived in an area where they had resided since 1882 when the grandfather came out from Massachusetts. In fact, his mother was born in Bonita and lived there her whole life until 1995. They had citrus orchards, specializing in lemons.

He was in high school when the war came, and the family went into San Diego to help build airplanes. "I got it into my head that I should take my turn building airplanes" so at 17 he went into San Diego to something called the Johnson O'Connor Human Engineering Company where they did aptitude testing. "I learned from that that I could be anything but

a musician," which wasn't much help.

So, he went to Harvard and studied engineering science and applied physics "which made me an oddball because everyone else was studying humanities and government" (he later learned, through his work in genealogy, that although he chose Harvard on his own with no prompting from his family, he had continued what had been a family tradition for many generations by choosing that school).

He chose Cal Berkeley for his graduate work because he thought it was a good idea to take the graduate work where he wanted to live. So he came to Cal — and never left it.

And how and when did he meet Pat, his wife now of many years? Well, a year or so after graduating from Harvard a schoolmate was getting married on Long Island, and asked him to be his best man. Pat, meanwhile, had graduated from the University of Chicago and gone back there. Her family were friends of the couple.

Then, there was a wedding coming up in Concord, Mass., and here her family were friends of the groom and he was a friend of the bride. Rick and Pat met in a restaurant called The Window Shop and went to Concord together. Friends,

seeing them together immediately saw romantic consequences. While still in Massachusetts they went to places such as Walden Pond (where they shared their first kiss, although she claimed she was just frightened by a bee...).

Pat returned to L.A. and Rick

in Australia. He showed me a picture of that family, son Bradford, his wife and two children frolicking in the snow. The other son, John, is a rock climber and enjoys bouldering. He has written a book Stone Crusade which is his story of his adventures as he travelled all



Rick Sherman with his "ancestor wall."

to Berkeley. A couple of years of correspondence, followed by Pat's visit to the area. "I took her to the Top of the Mark and popped the question."

A marriage and two sons followed. And they are a story, too. One son lives in Canberra

over the country's climbing places.

About genealogy. About 20 years ago Pat heard of a seminar on genealogy to be held in Alameda, and that did it for both of them. She helped found the East Bay Genealogy Society,

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



and he started finding out about his own ancestors. The accompanying picture shows Rick and his "ancestor wall" all pictures he has found of father, grandfather and great grandfather plus others. He was helped by the fact that great grandfather Sherman had written an autobiography with lists of names and dates, and an aunt who gave him four little cards which had names from the early founding of New England to her four grandparents.

His home away from home became the Sutro Library, a genealogical library. He found that several members of his family had written books about the families — the Shermans, the Allens (his mother's family) and others. He was "jump started" and off. He also discovered the California Genealogical Society, of which he is, at present, the president. He attended meetings and heard talks about problem solving techniques, and the kinds of places where information was available.

Fortunately, the families were in this country since very early

on, so that following his ancestry was fairly easy. It was when they worked on Pat's farm that they met some problems. Pat's family was from Ireland and England, and it required travel to those countries to uncover ancestry. They visited one spot in Northern England so often that they became known as those crazy Californians who were always asking what happened to the tower that used to be situated over there?

He speaks of the difficulty "after I got over the easy part in finding facts about some of his ancestors. For instance 'Mysterious Ann Tufts.' People have been trying to find out where she was for years.

It is a very sociable hobby, says, with people helping each other and giving bits of information they have come upon. And I love libraries, but became particularly fond of them through this hobby." He delights in helping newcomers find the way around the library, although that is not part of his job as president of the society. In fact, he says, there are a lot of them.

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Viewpoint - El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

Chamber manager foresees uncertain future in El Cerrito

The following is the text of El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce manager Sewall Glinternick's New Year's message to the membership.

A number of people are under the mistaken impression that our Chamber of Commerce is somehow an extension of the official city family. The fact is we are completely independent of official El Cerrito. And right now, I, for one, am very happy that's the case!

Ordinarily, in keeping with the season, this message would deal with thanking all those who generously contributed to making this a productive year in the chamber. But, considering the possibility that the selection of a firm to develop El Cerrito Plaza could be made as early as next month, this is no time for a benign manager's message. There are important things that need to be said right now!

From all that I can observe the City Council, which also sits as the Redevelopment Agency, as not budged in the slightest from their devotion to a concept plan for development of the plaza which was conceived by people who deliberately avoided considering economic concerns. Since the plaza is a very important part of the business community, how it is developed will have a very important impact on the rest of people in business here — as

well as on the entire residential community. This fact, however, appears to me to be taking a distant second place to the council's almost blind devotion to environmental concerns.

Sad to say, the most-business-people-don't-live-here-and-don't-vote-here-so-why-worry-about-them theory still appears to prevail.

Couple that attitude with the council's obvious disinterest in paying attention to those who disagree with their ideas, and you have a city that's facing some serious problems.

Business, the residents and the City Council should be working together — openly and honestly — in this community's best interest. That doesn't appear to be happening now!

Instead, we get a council that promises to fairly evaluate the seven proposals for redevelopment of the plaza — while publicly badmouthing one of the plans and the person who submitted it. How can we expect this man, Milton Bilak, or his proposal to get fair and equal treatment with the rest of the would-be developers?

Various members of the council publicly chastise Bilak for not having upgraded the plaza in all the long years he has owned his share of it. Perhaps — just perhaps — all along all he needed was the financial assistance the city is now offering.

Some of these same "fair, open-minded" council members, are also faulting Bilak for wanting to bring a Wal-Mart Store into the plaza. The public, these officials say, does not want a Wal-Mart store here. This may be less than honest.

The "public" they're talking about has to be the usual power elite wannabes who seem to have the council's ear on an almost exclusive basis. It's my opinion that any council member who still thinks these people represent a majority of El Cerrito's citizens is an official who didn't learn a thing from the last election.

I've been out talking to people, too. Practically every businessperson I've contacted fairly salivates at the thought of all the customers Wal-Mart will bring to El Cerrito. A good number of ordinary citizens have told me they like the idea of a Wal-Mart here — and those who aren't so crazy about the idea still want Wal-Mart because it will maximize sales tax revenue and keep their taxes from going up.

This is a question that could be easily settled. The Wal-Mart issue could be put to a public vote or made the subject of an impartial (with emphasis on the word "impartial") city-wide opinion survey. But, don't hold your breath waiting for either to happen.

Meanwhile, back when plaza redevelopment plans were first being discussed I asked the council to make public all the costs each plan would require,

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Looking back on a year of change

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — It was a year of progress and a year of moving on, a year sprinkled with fortune tellers and nude statues and people who just couldn't get along. It was a year of disagreements, some pleasant, some not, and, looking at the five who now govern Albany, 1996 was, above all else, a year of change.

Although the closure of the Villa Motel — a reputed long-time haven for drugs and prostitution — was perhaps the first event of note in 1996, the year began with a tone of bitterness and distrust. Continued controversy over the cardroom, the forced removal of Planning Commissioner Bill Cain, and Mayor Mike Brodsky's election to an unusual second term sat uneasily in the stomachs of many in city politics.

Letters to the editor attacking the council — and Brodsky in particular — were common, and as vigorously as the council defended its decisions, just as vigorous were those who condemned them. The situation only compounded itself when the cardroom debate took to the road in search of amicus briefs, visiting churches in West Berkeley and the Sierra Club book store in Oakland, and producing debates filled with all the passionate intensity shown a year earlier in Albany.

The Citizens for Responsible Government, the group responsible for the lawsuit, were accused of being "self-appointed crusaders," of having a "moral antipathy toward gambling," and, in general, of being sore losers after a 187-vote-margin approval which some say might not have been so fair after all, at least if one looks at budget-deficit projections.

Not that CRG, and the core of politically active residents opposed to so many of the council's actions, went without their share of name calling. Brodsky was labeled a "shameless, self-promoting, lawless politician," a childless newcomer to Albany who cared not a whit about his town's future. As the quest for amicus briefs rolled on (Berkeley joined the lawsuit, the Sierra Club did not) and those on the sidelines called for the sound and fury to end, a new development arose: Brodsky, seen by some as a saint and by others as the engine of all evil, was retiring.

Not that he would slip away silently, as a new debate sprung up around Measure R, a referendum on all the "green" ideals Albany was supposed to have. With a new slate of council members — three of whom seemed inclined to take stances far from those taken in the last year or so — and a slough of ballot initiatives facing them, Albany voters spoke out: green ideals yes, others, maybe not.

Now, with an "independent voice" (Mayor Bob Good) at the helm and a pair of cardroom opponents (former CRG member Jon Ely and former school board member Peggy Thomsen) rounding out the new majority, Albany has a brand new driver at the wheel.

"By the end of the year, I won't have a friend left in town," says Good, who found himself, in his first meeting as mayor, with the cardroom he voted against in 1994 sitting at the mercy of his fifth, decisive swing vote (see related story).

As for other top stories of the year:

- With the exception of Measure R, as mentioned above voters

overwhelmingly rejected council-sponsored ballot initiatives (Measures L, M, N, and O), and granted narrow approval to citizen-sponsored Measure Q. Citizen volunteers may only be removed "for cause," and the City Attorney, Police Chief and Treasurer only by a vote of the people. Cain, whose removal (along with that of Waterfront Committee member Jerri Holan) spawned the O-Q debate, has now moved on to the Board of Education.

Citing a need for increased youth services, the Youth Task Force embarked last January on the ongoing voyage of the Youth Master Plan. While the plan, a "living document," has yet to be completed, its fruits are already budding, with a Chamber of Commerce community calendar due out this year, increased tutoring at UC Village, and Friday Night Live events at the teen center. On the horizon, the task force hopes to make Albany an even more youth-friendly town, with a possible teen cafe, among other things, in the works.

While the City Council was catching its share of flak, the school board received some as well, both in the case of the proposed middle school at the Hill Lumber site and when Albany resident Dave McMahon was arrested at an April meeting for dumping a bag of trash on a tarp. After a board member called McMahon's action "an absolutely inappropriate thing to do," McMahon, who said he'd made 40 calls to the police department and received no relief, was taken away for a brief tour of Albany's small jail.

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The first of the two new markers, located on the FDR Pier, is in honor of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "floating White House", the USS Potomac. The second marker, commemorating author Jack London, is located near the statue of London at the foot of Broadway. Supporters and sponsors are invited to follow the wolf tracks as the new additions to the History Walk are unveiled by their sponsor. After the History Walk, Barnes & Noble bookstore hosts a birthday celebration. Meet Jack London historians, feast on birthday cake, sip champagne or cider and read about Jack London and Oakland's rich waterfront history at special book displays courtesy of Barnes & Noble. The event is from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 1997.

The History Project continues to lend insight into the life of Jack London as well as the history of the Oakland Waterfront. Each year many people make their permanent mark at Jack London Square by purchasing a wolf track and dedicating it to friends, family or loved ones. Be a part of the heritage of Jack London Square as we take this journey through history.

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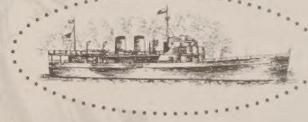
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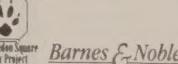
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■ Goings on About Town

Events, meetings, classes...

Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. 848-3533 or 845-4725. Jan. 10: Robert Marks will lecture on "The Fun and Foibles of Politicians" at noon luncheon.

Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra rehearses every Monday night from 7 to 10 p.m. in preparation for three public concerts. There are no auditions, previous experience is not necessary, and special help is available for beginners. Rehearsals take place at St. Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St. at Cornell. 528-2145.

Berkeley Gray Panthers, 1325 Grant St. 527-3790. Meetings: Peace and Justice Committee, Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m.; Transportation Committee, Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m.; Health Committee, Jan. 14 at 12:30 p.m.; board meeting, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m.

Berkeley Hiking Club, Jan. 12: Mount Diablo, 934-8722. Mini-hike in Shell Ridge, Walnut Creek. 939-0159.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK, Jr. Way. 644-6107. Jan. 9: Video: "Sister Chapel" Pt. I at 1 p.m. Jan. 10: Depression and Anxiety support group meets at 10 a.m. with Louise Monsour. Discussing Diabetes with Anthony Pacheco at 1 p.m. Jan. 13: New Federal Rules on Medi-Cal Eligibility and Transfer of Assets Discussion with attorney Fred Clarke at 1:15 p.m. Jan. 14: Internet demonstration with Carole Leita from the Berkeley Public Library at 1 p.m.: Chinese Club Meeting: Come find out about the Chinese Tradition for the Lunar New Year. Jan. 16: ballroom dancing at 1 p.m. with Roman Ostrowski.

Berkeley Writers' Club meeting will be held on Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m. Reservations: 845-4725 or 215-2855.

Cafe Europa, an intergenerational discussion group for Holocaust survivors and children of survivors will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. 704-7475.

City crews will collect Christmas trees from the curb on normal recycling days through Jan. 14. 644-8856.

City of El Cerrito, 7007 Moeser Ln. Through Feb 12: Children's Ballet on Wednesdays. 4-4:30 a.m. 3-5 years. 4:30-5 ages 5-10 years. \$42. Tap for Boys and Girls on Wednesdays. 5-5:30 ages 4-7 years. 5:30-6 ages 7-10 years. \$36. Jan. 9-30: Preschool Dance on Thursdays. 6-6:45. \$24. Through Feb. 8: Ceramics for Youth Ages 5-14 on Saturdays. 9:30-11:30. \$45.70. 215-4371.

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6th graders. Tuesdays: International Folk Dance at Liva Oak Recreation Center. 644-8513. Mondays: African Drumming/Dance. 644-8513.

The East Bay Collectors Club, for those interested in stamp collecting, postal history and related matters, meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Kensington Recreation Center. 465-6266 or 526-5397.

East Bay Leads Club is open to men and women business owners, sales people, managers and professionals seeking to begin or expand a business. 845-6688.

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave. 843-3533. Jan. 16: Stan Yogi, editor, with writers Gerald Haslam, Susan Kelly-DeWitt and Lillian Vallee, *Highway 99: A Literary Journey through California's Great Central Valley*.

Gai Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave. 548-4172. Events are \$3 and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise listed. Jan. 9: Deepak Chopra, *The Path to Love: Creating a Passionate Life*. Jan. 10: Joan Tollifson, *Bare Bones Meditation*. Jan. 13: Helena Norberg and Hodge and Jerry Mander, *Turning Towards the Local: Technology, Ecology and the Fate of Indigenous Societies*. Jan. 14: Susan McElroy, *Animals as Teachers and Healers*. (You are welcome to bring pets.) Jan. 15: Czeslaw Milosz and Leonard Nathan, *Talking To My Body: Poems by Anna Swir*. Jan. 16: An Evening Conversation with Berrett-Koehler Authors from 7-9 p.m. R.S.V.P.

The Great War Society will hold its monthly meeting on Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at 640 Arlington Ave. 517-7118.

Israeli folk dancing 8 p.m. to midnight, Wednesdays at El Cerrito Veterans Building, 6401 Stockton, El Cerrito. 231-0959.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center, open Thursdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146. Jan. 16: Bodywork and Movement. Lisa Thompson presents a program on the Rosen Method.

KPFA Radio needs volunteers to answer phones during their Winter Fund Drive, Jan. 29-Feb. 12. Groups, individuals welcome. Raffle drawing, breakfast/dinner provided. 848-6767 Ext. 400.

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568. Jan. 10: Guerrilla Queens at 8 p.m. \$5. Jan. 15: Poetry Writing Workshop at 7 p.m. \$2 donation.

Jan. 16: Priestesses, a presentation by Max Dashi at 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$10. Saturday morning children's programs at 10:30 a.m., \$3 adults. 2 children: Jan. 11: Boogie Down Jugglers.

Lawrence Hall of Science, Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak Blvd. 642-5132. Saturdays and Sundays: Holt Planetarium at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$2 per person. Saturdays: Computer Lab at 1,

2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$5 per adult/child team. Recommended for children 5 and up. Free stargazing from 8-11 p.m. Through Jan. 19: "Brain Games," a colorful, interactive exhibition featuring games designed to stimulate your mind. Saturdays and Sundays: Biology Discovery Lab. Through March 16: *Find That Comet!* Tuesdays-Fridays at 8 p.m. Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Previews: Jan. 10, 11 at 8 p.m., Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 14 at 8 p.m.

Meeting the Tough Personal Challenges involved with the Care of the Seriously Ill, a full-day workshop for health professionals and caregivers, will be held on Jan. 11 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical Center, 2450 Ashby Ave in the Ashby Auditorium, 1st floor. Registration at 7:30 a.m. \$21-1916 for info. 204-1579 to register.

Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. 843-6812. Buddhist Meditation for World Peace will be daily Jan. 10-17 from 5-6 p.m. and on Jan. 18 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 11: "World Peace: The Power of Buddhist Prayer," a lecture given by Sylvia Gretchen. Jan. 12: Lecture: "The Tibetan World Peace Ceremony at Bodhi Gaya, India," given by Elizabeth Cook from 6-7 p.m.

Occult Themes in William Butler Yeats' Poetry, a lecture, will be given Jan. 12 by Jerry-Hejka Ekins at St. John's, 2727 College Ave., in the Choir Room at 3 p.m. 601-7700.

Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Duran Ave. Sixth Children's International Film Festival. Jan. 12: *The River Chao Phraya* at 3:30 p.m.

Patrick McCullough, author of *Silenced Rivers: The Ecological and Politics of Large Dams*, will give a reading/book signing/presentation on Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Ecology Center Bookstore, 2530 San Pablo Ave. 548-3333.

REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave. 527-4140.

Jan. 9: Snowcamping 101, at 7 p.m. Jan. 11: Ski trip to Royal Gorge. \$70/\$60 members. 527-4140. Jan. 16: The Endless Winter: High Places Around the World. at 7 p.m.

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. Women's Network Career is free to YWCA members and \$20 for nonmembers. One-hour session of career counseling is \$40 members and \$50 nonmembers. Self-assessment for Career Direction is \$120 members/\$10 nonmembers. Classes in Salsa, Ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, Bellydance, Yoga, Aikido, Karate, Aerobics, Fitness Boxing, Pilates-based exercise, Modern Jazz classes open. Drop-in fees \$6.50-\$10.

Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St. 841-8431, ext. 267. Jan. 14: *The Cruise Industry*, 102 Moffitt Hall. 6:30 p.m., 102 Moffitt Hall. *Introduction to Travel Industry Reference Materials*, 6:30 p.m., Mon., Jan. 13, 103 Moffitt Hall. *Introduction to Travel Industry Automation*, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 16, Vista College. One-day workshops are \$6.50. 841-8860, ext. 213 to register. Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6: Financial Planning and Investing for your Future, a workshop, from 6-8 p.m. \$25.

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Performances

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Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St. Jan. 15-Feb. 7: *Cloud Tectonics*. Tuesdays-Fridays at 8 p.m. Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Previews: Jan. 10, 11 at 8 p.m., Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 14 at 8 p.m.

Black Repertory Group, 3201 Adeline. 652-2120. Jan. 15: Musical: *Dream Girls* at 8 p.m.

Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave. near Duran. 848-0886. Every Monday night: Blue Monday Jam. \$3. Tuesdays: The Dead Experiment. Wednesdays: Dance Party. Thursdays: Jazz Funk Connection with Jalopy and Chill Factor. Jan. 10: Jungle Biskit. \$5. Jan. 11: Dizzibyan, North Coast Underground. \$5. Jan. 12: The Fingers. \$2.

The Frisco Kid will be shown at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., 848-0237, on Jan. 12 at 2 p.m.

Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St. 548-1761. Jan. 9: Fred Eaglesmith. Jan. 10: Erica Wheeler. Jan. 11: Martin Simpson's Band of Angels. Jan. 12: Maria Sangiolo, Jim Henry. Jan. 13: Matt Davis and The Warrior River Boys. Jan. 16: Les Sampou.

Journey to the West will be performed at Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley, Tuesdays through Saturdays through Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. 204-8901.

Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave. Tel.: THE-TAPS. Jan. 10: Blue and Tan Street Players at 6 p.m. Dave Ellin Trio at 9. Jan. 11: Matt Cowan Trio at 9 p.m.

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Jan. 11: Thoth at 8 p.m. \$8.

The Paris Opera Ballet Ensemble will perform Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. and on Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. at Zellerbach Hall, U.C.

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Community Drumming in the Community Hall from 7-9 p.m. 526-4228. Thursdays, Jan. 9- Feb. 27: Lip Reading and Easy Signing from 11 a.m.-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Mondays, Jan. 13- Feb. 17: Rosen Method Body Movement in the Connie Barber Room. Suggested donations: \$42 /six weeks series; \$9/ drop-in. 655-2130.

First Woman's Church second anniversary celebration will be held on Jan. 12 a.m.-noon at the Connie Barber Room at

Berkeley Campus, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave. Tickets: \$18, \$28, \$40. 642-9988.

The San Francisco Chamber Orchestra will perform Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Free.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Jan. 12: chamber music concert at 3 p.m. \$13 general; \$10 students and seniors. 415-584-5946.

The Starry Plough Restaurant and Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave. 841-2028.

Musics start at 9:45 p.m. on Fri and Sat. Jan. 9: Lost Highway, Toad Mortons. \$3.

Jan. 10: The Kinetics, Mauser. \$6. Jan. 11: "Herb," Comfy Chair. \$5. Jan. 16: Simon Stinger, 17 Reasons, 7th Betty. \$3.

Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200. All shows at 8 and 10 p.m. Through Jan. 12: Graham Central Station. Jan. 13: Barbara Linn and Her Trio. Khalil Shaheed Quartet. \$6. Jan. 14-19: Joe Williams.

Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop, 3101 Solano Ave. Albany. 510-525-4647.

Exploring the Reform Jewish perspective on living in today's complicated world in a three-session class starting in February 1997. 273-9433 or 415-905-4132.

Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish, College and Dwight. 848-7812. On display: 15-by-15 foot fabric Advent Calendar created by Randy and Chris Dixon.

Sri Chinmoy Meditation Centre offers free meditation workshops in South Berkeley. 540-4114.

the Berkeley Unitarian Church, Cedar and Bonita. Public is invited. Potluck lunch following service.

Agape Community Church (233-8867), a multi-ethnic Southern Baptist Church, meets in the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Sunday School

at 10 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. Sundays.

Berkeley Art Museum, 2626 croft Way. Selected Thursdays at 1 p.m. and selected Sundays at 2 p.m. in the Gallery 2: Special guided tour.

"The Mask of Venice: Masking, The

and Identity in the Art of Tiepolo and

Time," on exhibit through March 2.

Selected Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and

selected Sundays at 2 p.m. meeting in

Gallery 3: Guided tours of the exhibi-

"Masterworks of Greek and Roman

from the Phoebe Hearst Museum,"

continues through April 20.

Art from the Heart will be

Khayyam's Restaurant a member

Newly remodeled, some menu changes and an Italian wood burning oven await guests at Al Sodeif's Khayyam's Restaurant, 1337 Solano Ave. this spacious and most inviting restaurant is family owned and operated. Sodeif's wife, Zahra, is the executive chef, daughter, Sadaf, is faithful to the family restaurant working days and son, Soheil (owner of Soheil Tanning Salon) always gives a helping hand. Many will remember him as a student working at Khayyams for 12 years. He still looks after his parents and Khayyams consulting for the restaurant.

At the same location for almost 15 years, Khayyams renovation includes a three level fountain at the entrance specially hand painted Mediterranean design or grapes, grape leaves and flowers reminding of the poet Omar Khayyam, surrounded by comfortable booths placed inside arches. Arches near the entrance separates the restaurant from the outdoors with window openings giving a patio type setting. Colors of beige and Mediterranean blue are carried throughout.

Sodeif is most proud of his new Italian wood burning oven, burning almond and oak wood for scrumptious flavor. Food cooked in the oven, due to the high pressure, retains juices so as not

to dry out including bread. For example, trout baked in the oven with the almond and oak flavor brings flavor second-to-none, according to Sodeif.

Customers come from near and far for Khayyams' special recipe of Persian bread which is becoming very famous. Each table service has its own freshly baked bread. As guests arrive, the baker places unbaked loafs in the oven. Of course on busy nights the bread is constantly being baked. Customers often purchase loafs to take home. Advance orders are recommended for take out orders.

Famous for long grain Basmati rice, filet mignon, chicken, lamb and vegetarian plates, Khayyam's chef will prepare any menu to suit one's taste using the best saffron available. There is housemade soup each day, Mediterranean salads, falafal or chicken salad and many others. Khayyams makes its own yogurt mixed with shallots for better digestion of meat. Entrees other than the well known kabobs, the restaurant offers dishes such as stew made of ground walnuts, pomegranate sauce, chicken breast and saffron. For dessert there is baklava, flan, Persian ice cream and fresh fruit. Beverages, other than Persian tea consisting of a mixture of four different teas for flavor, are



Restaurant owner Al Sodeif (foreground) and baker Martin Sanchez.

pomegranate juice, sour cherry juice, orange juice and Khayyam's special yogurt drink. For those who wish mixed drinks, there is a full bar with a wide selection of both domestic and imported wines. Turkish coffee is brewed upon request. For parties of six or more, reservations are suggested. Phone 526-7200. The restaurant is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., serving lunches and dinners.

Guest speaker

Albany realtor and civic leader Jerome blank will be the guest

speaker at the Albany/El Cerrito Kiwanis Club's Jan. 14 breakfast meeting telling the benefits of belonging to the Albany Chamber of Commerce and what it does for the community. The public is invited to attend the breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Carrows Restaurant, San Pablo and Potrero avenues in El Cerrito. Phone Ted Ono at 524-1449 for information.

Benefit dinner

Saturday, Jan. 11, the East Bay Women's Post 379 will sponsor their annual spaghetti dinner held each year at the Albany Veterans

Deadline to order garbage/waste containers extended

EL CERRITO — Residents should be alert for new garbage service brochures and order forms in their mail early January. Residents must complete the order form to get their new garbage and green waste containers, or to request disability exemptions to continue the backyard collection services.

The brochures describe El Cerrito's new garbage collection service which includes major changes, such as new green waste carts and collection, new garbage carts with wheels, "customized" clean up days,

and same-day-of-the-week curbside pick-up for green waste, recycling and garbage. The service changes will take place in March 1997.

All East Bay Sanitary residential customers should return the order forms by Jan. 15, indicating their choice of garbage cart size and green waste (garden trimmings) cart. East Bay Sanitary will then order the containers from a manufacturer for a Spring delivery date.

The new service is part of El Cerrito's goal to reduce waste and conserve landfill space.

According to Becky Dowdakin, El Cerrito's Integrated Waste Management Program Manager "El Cerrito had one of the first recycling programs in California and our residents have an excellent participation record. Now it's time to take the next step by recycling our green waste and reducing the amount of garbage we send to the landfill."

By law, El Cerrito, like all California cities, must reduce its waste stream 50 percent by the year 2000.

"So far, we've reduced our waste stream 33 percent. We'll only meet

our 50 percent goal if we recycle our green waste too," Dowdakin said.

Since green waste will be collected regularly, the semi-annual clean-up service will be replaced with a "customize" collection program in which residents can phone for one "special" pick-up each year whenever needed.

East Bay Sanitary estimates that 70 percent of the materials collected in the semi-annual clean-up has been green waste.

Call East Bay Sanitary at 237-4321 for more information.

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave. President Ann Truax always serves a great dinner where no one leaves hungry. Phone Truax at 526-4487 for reservations. Admission is \$5 and includes dinner of salad, spaghetti, bread, and dessert.

Crab Feed tickets

Tickets are available for the 30th Annual Albany Lions club Crab Feed scheduled for Friday, Jan. 24, at the Veterans Memorial Building. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner begins at 8 p.m. This all-you-can-eat dinner is usually a sell-out so Lions Club members suggest one should purchase their tickets early. They are available at the Albany Chamber of Commerce office. The price remains the same as years before, \$20 per person.

And the winners are...

Albany's Eric White is the winner of \$100 in the Albany Christmas '96 promotion where the Albany Chamber of Commerce sponsored this annual event encouraging shoppers to patronize local businesses. White shopped at Play It Again Toys filling in a coupon entitling his chance to win a prize. Sue Britson also shopped at the store winning a prize from the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

The following are the winners, the store where they shopped and the name of the business donor. Miriam Kaminsey, Bears & Baubles, Jodie's Patti Melt: John Davis, Gordo's, Dog's Best Friend and Cat's Meow; Dan Hartman, Jodie's, Mary & Joe's Sporting Goods; Robin Tichen, the Brass Horse, Dave's Dugout; John Vincent, East Bay Paint, Albany

Auto Sound; Steve & Judy Howard, Albany Florist, Magic Garlic Restaurant; Al Miller, Semifreddi's, Cafe del Sol; Lisa Robie, Century Communications, EH Associates; Ken Danielson, Al Caruso Insurance, Semifreddi's; Tina Riffle, Century Communications, China Village; Marvin Spector, Grace Baking, Daniel's Highland Cafe & All That Jazz and Mimi Holtermann, Scandis Imports, Albany Bowl. Also, Francis Toribes, K&S Company, Albany Bowl; Grace Sakurai, Richard's Jewelers, Albany Bowl; Jack Hogg, East Bay Paint Store, Paradise Chiropractic; Greg Dubrowsky, Jodie's, Dr. Jay Bunker; Keg Alexander, Solano Express, The Avenue Travel; Andrea Shaugen, Solano Copy Center, Quorum (Walter & Bev Wallace distributors); Amy Snieleno, Tiki Town, Tax & Bookkeeping Services; Robin Gains, The Avenue Travel, Ellis-Olsen Mortuary; Valerie, Sportsfishing, Albany Chamber of Commerce; Joe Di Prisco, Albany Auto Sound, Albany Chamber of Commerce and Cheryle Kennedy, Grace Baking, Chamber of Commerce.

Others are Paul Davis, Christopher's Nothing Fancy Cafe, Chamber of Commerce; Shari, Ough D.C., Ambrosia Garden, Flowerland; Jessica Beddy, Bears & Baubles, Chamber of Commerce; Rob Lewis, Semifreddi's, Grant's Jewelers and Shanna O'Hare, Gordo's, Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce thanks all participants, donors and Hills Newspapers. There were over 1,500 coupons to draw from.

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Pablo and Plumas had three prior DUI convictions in the last seven

years. The arrest was made at 1:45 a.m. Jan. 3.

• Arrested for a DUI was an El Cerrito woman at South 56th and

Potrero, Nov. 23 at 3:26 a.m.

• A Richmond man was arrested for possession of a loaded, concealed firearm at 7:47 p.m. Dec. 16 in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue, following a traffic stop.

• An El Cerrito male juvenile was arrested for possession of a cellular phone with its serial number removed at San Pablo and Madison, Dec. 17

• A Richmond male juvenile was arrested for possession of a cellular phone with an altered serial number after a traffic stop at Adams and Carlson, at 4:24 p.m. Dec. 27.

• A Richmond man was arrested for possession of methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia in the 1600 block of Eastshore Boulevard Jan. 3 at 12:20 p.m.

• Eight suspects were seen running down the 6200 block of Barrett Avenue at 9:25 p.m. Dec. 31; one fired two shots into the air.

• A man claiming to be associated with an El Cerrito business conned him out of \$300 Nov. 6.

• In another scam Dec. 2, a member of the El Cerrito Rotary received a phone call from "a member of the Rotary in Holland" to rescue his son, who was stranded in El Cerrito. The

victim also lost \$300.

• Someone set fire to several bags of recycled cardboard in the 1700 block of Liberty Dec. 17 at 6:13 p.m.

• All four wheels and tires were removed from two cars overnight Dec. 18, one in the 1500 block of Elm Street, one in the 1300 block of Liberty.

• Four other acts of vehicle vandalism were reported. A front window was broken in the 900 block of Elm between 5:30 p.m. and 5:54 p.m. Dec. 22. Someone threw a brick through a window in the 900 block of Kearney Street overnight Dec. 27.

In the 7300 block of Ganges Court, someone broke the mirrors and wind shield of a vehicle, as well as denting its fenders and scratching it, overnight Dec. 20. Red paint was poured on a vehicle hood in the 900 block of Richmond Street overnight Dec. 27.

• An El Cerrito man reported that someone grabbed his wallet on a public bench at 3:50 p.m. Dec. 23.

• There were two cases of domestic violence reported and four other domestic incidents.

• Shoplifters were arrested at Target (a Richmond man) and at Blockbuster Video (a Richmond woman).

Viewpoint

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where the money would come from, how much sales tax and property tax money would be lost during construction, and how the city planned to replace this lost tax revenue. I pointed out the public needed this information before a final decision was made on which development plan to accept. The council may have this information now, but they sure haven't made it public. But then, maybe they feel uncomfortable having the citizens looking over their shoulders. It's possible that that privilege is reserved only for the members of their hand-picked boards and commissions and the chosen few who can be depended on to offer nothing but praise — and not to any lowly manager of a group that represents the business community.

As I have often said, I am

uncomfortable in the role of "council basher." I think the members of our City Council are well-meaning people whose shortsightedness has put them into a no-win situation that — struggle as they might — they can't seem to get out of.

Regardless, something has to be done fast. The natives are restless — and they're organizing. Confidence in the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency is eroding rapidly. The public is less and less willing to believe what our city officials tell them. The landslide defeat of Measure H last November was a no-confidence vote that proves that

An immediate change in thinking is needed! The economic well being of El Cerrito and the continued existence of a redevelopment program here probably depend on it!

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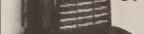
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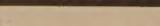
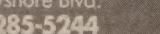
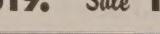
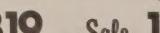
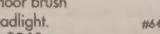
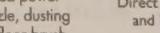
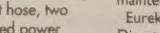
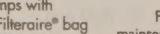
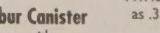
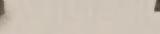
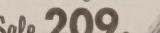
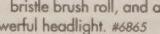
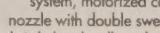
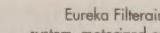
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Livermore pelts Jackets with snow balls, freezes 'em out

By Mac Montandon

On a chilly afternoon last Tuesday, Berkeley girls soccer goalie Mimi Yapor-Cox's hands were kept all too warm. Yapor-Cox could steal envious glances across the Yellowjackets' fake turf at the visiting Livermore keeper, and see her raw, red-den knuckles, frozen from inactivity.

The ball spent most of the day near the Berkeley net, as Yapor-Cox deflected shot after shot. Livermore attempted 40 shots to the Jackets' five, but

made two of them stick in the back of the goal for a 2-0 win in the East Bay Athletic League opener for both squads.

Girls Soccer
Livermore
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In a contest of two young teams, (Berkeley has only three seniors to Livermore's one), the Livermore defense, led by sweeper Jamie Basso, controlled the game until its offense broke through at the 32-minute mark of the first half.

Terra Smith controlled a spin-

'I was on them a little at halftime. I didn't want them to lose focus.'

— KAREN HUEETHER, BERKELEY COACH

ning, bouncing ball for Livermore and lofted a shot over Yapor-Cox from 12 yards away for the match's initial score.

Berkeley never made a serious run, despite center midfielder Erin Wheeler's efforts to push the ball up the wings; and a second half Livermore goal by Amy Mederos put the game away.

Jackets coach Karen Huether knows her team will be facing some tough opponents this year, after finishing third last season in the Bay Valley Athletic League.

"We knew this (the EBAL) would be a hard league," Huether said. "We have a long road ahead of us. Our goal is to always play a strong defensive game, and improve

as a team."

Berkeley's off to a good start in that regard, as its trio of fullbacks — Celeste Chun, Clara Funk, and Josah Perley — continually resisted a speedy Livermore attack. Behind them, Yapor-Cox was often acrobatic in diving and sliding for 12 saves.

Livermore coach Manoli Mandelenis had his squad well prepared to play on an artificial surface which provides a faster game than natural grass.

"I was on them a little at halftime," Mandelenis said, "I didn't want them to lose focus. Some of

the girls have never played on turf before, so they had to change their timing in receiving the ball."

In the end, Livermore's timing was two goals better as they improved to 8-1 overall and 1-0 in the EBAL. Berkeley is now 2-5-1, and 0-1.

On Thursday the Jackets host one of the favorites to win this year's EBAL title, San Ramon. The match begins at 3:30.

Along with Monte Vista and Amador Valley, San Ramon figures to be a contender for the league championship.

2 best girls hoop teams? — Jackets vs. Jackets

By Mac Montandon

It's getting to the point where the Berkeley girls basketball team's starting five would probably get its highest challenge from a very familiar foe — the Yellowjackets themselves.

Berkeley's starters and its bench stayed almost equally last weekend as the Jackets easily won the Sand Dunes Classic at St. Ignatius in San Francisco.

The three wins in three days improved the Jackets' record to 12-2, and if leading scorer Shavaki Jackson's arms are tired, it's both in pulling down rebounds and getting trophies.

Jackson was named the tournament MVP after her 28 points and boards helped clinch the championship over host St. Ignatius, 66-

"We've been getting a decent home lead, then in the third quarter we've been able to open it up," said Berkeley coach Gene Yamura. "Against St. Ignatius I had the starters the whole fourth quarter, and the second team actually played better defense than the starters."

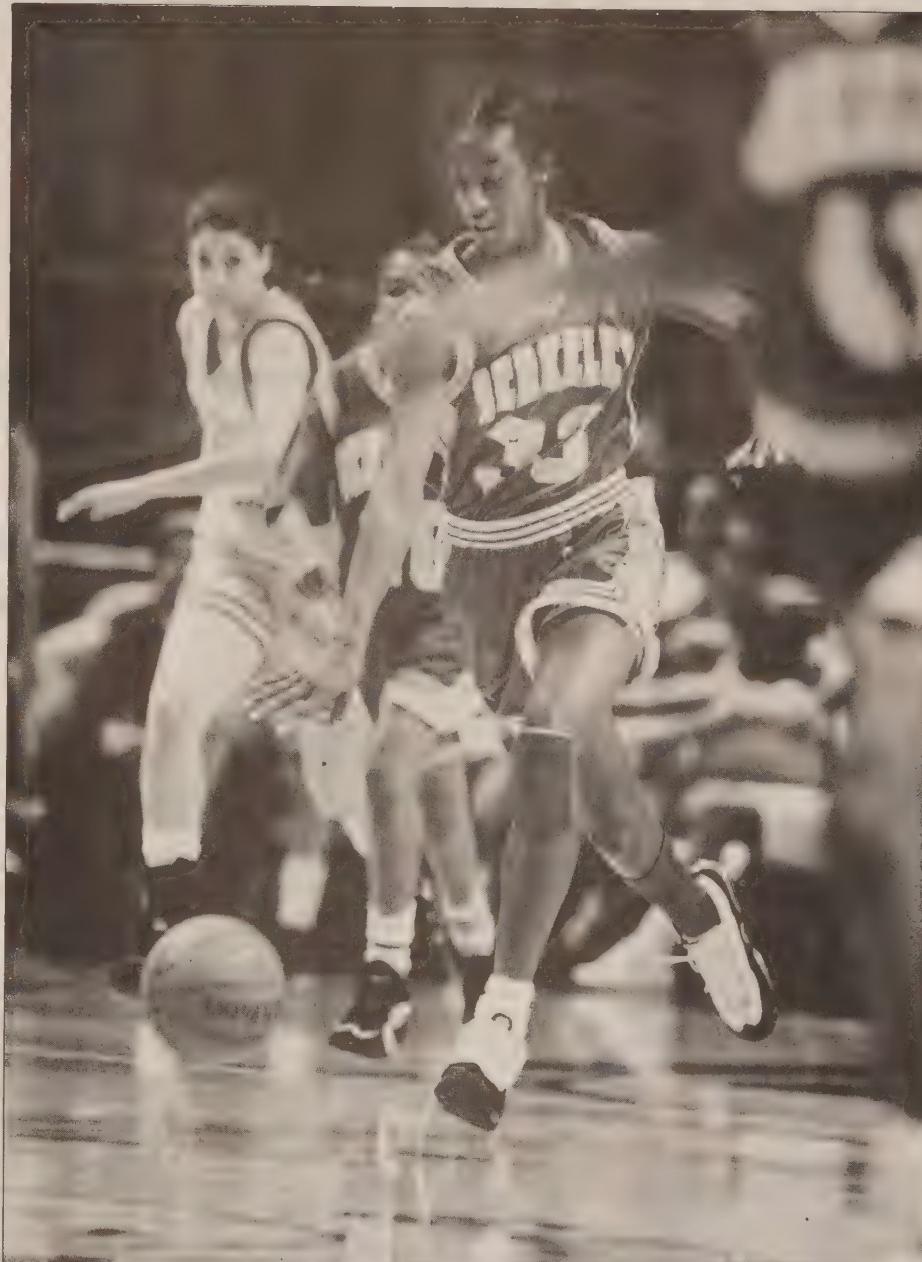
A second five of Nicole Brown, then Bagsbe, Valerie Harvey, Kristi Wright and Michelle Sawyer has been especially productive for Berkeley.

The Jackets' tendency to score quickly and also play smothering defense has proved devastating to opponents so far this year. They're a young pitcher with a great fastball, who then develops an off-speed curve — it's almost not there.

Aisha Hollans helped the tournament get off to a frolicking good time for Jackets fans on Thursday,

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File '96
Shavaki Jackson, one of the best girls' basketball players in the Bay Area, was named the Sand Dunes MVP, as she led Berkeley to title.



It's about timing and AHS finally gets it

By Mac Montandon

As the greatest comics of all will tell you, timing is everything. When Groucho Marx finished his purposely confusing line about shooting an elephant in his arms by admitting, "I have no idea how it got there," it is the same as much as anything else that makes the joke comical.

For the Albany boys basketball team, the chance of winning their game this season, thus surpassing last year's four win total, is becoming less and less funny. Timing is all wrong.

Facing the growing nuisance of five-game losing streaks, Albany's shot at seeing victory seemed remote as the season neared the halfway point last week.

The Cougars had been keeping with other clubs right up until the last quarter, only to lose out at

the end.

In the first two rounds of last weekend's Alhambra Tournament, Albany played well for three periods, but wilted in the last eight minutes. A Round 1 game against its hosts saw a narrow 44-37 deficit entering the final frame turn into a 73-57 romp for Alhambra.

In the second round the Cougars let a 41-38 game, through three quarters, develop into another disappointing picture, when East Union of Manteca held on, 55-50.

"We were right there in both ballgames," said Albany coach Doug Kagawa. "We just seem to slip at the end."

So the problem seemed to be that Albany was identifying with a different tradition — Cougars finished were becoming as predictable as the old gag of slipping on the banana peel.

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Caraballo: 'People better watch out'

By John Gardella

Jeff Lindquist
St. Mary's Daniel Shaw, right, gets blocked by Fremont defender in Panthers' own Dean Woodson Tournament last weekend. It symbolized how the tournament went for St. Mary's.

It's not often a coach can look at a losing record and be satisfied with the way his basketball team is playing. Then you factor in the following variables: The aforementioned coach (Jose Caraballo) played high school ball for one of Northern California's most successful coaches; and as an assistant, he helped coach a team to back-to-back Division I state titles.

Hearing a coach with that kind of pedigree say his team is "a good 6 and 8" is like hearing Rick Barry say Shaquille O'Neal is a good free-throw shooter. However, heading into Wednesday's league opener at St. Elizabeth, St. Mary's coach Jose Caraballo really did say he's pleased with the way his young team played

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Win over St. Joe will put EC in polls

By John Gardella

Two years ago, the El Cerrito High football team had problems cracking any of the local media polls. Try as they might, running roughshod over all comers, the Gauchos missed the rankings week in and week out. They finally proved the pundits right, suffering their only loss in the penultimate game of the season.

Fast forward to the basketball season. The EC boys' basketball team is 10-5 heading into Friday's Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League opener against perennial power St. Joseph.

Peruse most of the local polls. You won't find the Gauchos.

De LaSalle, which needed homecourt advantage and overtime to beat EC by two last month in the latter's own tournament, is currently No. 9 in two polls. One lists Berkeley in the top 25. The Yellowjackets are a team the Gauchos already have beaten twice, but EC is named only as an honorable mention selection.

McClymonds, a team with six losses, and Lincoln, a team with a losing record (6-7), are both ranked in the top 25.

The Gauchos will go a long way toward cracking those polls with a win over St. Joe's (12-3) Friday. The Pilots, one of the top teams in Northern California, should win the ACCAL and could win the North Coast Section championship.

Recent history suggests that this

rivalry is a powder keg. Last season, the Gauchos hosted St. Joseph in the opener. An ugly game (the Pilots led by 24) turned dangerous in the fourth quarter, as a fight between fans and several St. Joe players broke out under the basket on the east end of the gym. A referee called the game with the Pilots ahead, 64-40.

EC officials will try to alleviate some of those problems Friday by closing the bleachers under both baskets.

If coach Chris Huber's team wants to vie for ACCAL supremacy, it must turn in a strong performance against the Pilots.

"The kids seem to be confident," he said. "It will be interesting to see how well we play. St. Joseph's is a very disciplined team in terms of shot selection." An indication, at first glance, that the Gauchos may struggle against the talent-laden Pilots was their performance last Thursday against Skyline in the first round of the Sand Dune Classic at St. Ignatius High in San Francisco.

The Titans, similar to the Pilots, in that they are athletic and play an uptempo style, beat EC by 19 points.

But the score, 85-66, was not indicative of how close the game was. Skyline led by just four points, 59-55, one minute into the fourth, before breaking the game open with a 10-0 run.

"Skyline was the best team we have played so far," Huber said.



St. Joe's Ray Young will try and stop Gauchos from getting respect from pollsters when EC goes against Pilots Friday.

"They were the most athletic. Still, we were down just four early in the fourth. The problem was turnovers."

Despite the tough loss, the Gauchos closed out their preseason in strong fashion, winning the final two games of the tournament. Friday, they upended Berkeley in

overtime by hitting an off-balance

23-footer as time expired in regulation.

"It's quite a treat to be able to beat Berkeley twice in one season," Huber said.

The Gauchos avenged an earlier loss in a laugher as EC upended Hogan Saturday, 70-53.

Perhaps most pleasing for

**'It's quite a treat
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— CHRIS HUBER, EC COACH

Huber was the play of the frontcourt, especially Gooden and Harrison. Gooden, a sophomore, averaged 13 points in the three games. The senior Harrison averaged 10.

Huber will need strong inside play to counter St. Joseph's tandem of Ray Young and Rashawn Fulcher. Young, one of the top juniors in the country, can dominate a game.

"I was hoping to end up with double figure wins by the end of preseas and we have 10, so I'm happy about that," Huber said. "I would, however, like to clean up certain things. I'd really like to have fewer mistakes."

A clean game could lead to a huge upset that could lead to, perhaps, a ranking somewhere.

Panthers

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ing an inside-outside threat. Spring Harris and Erin In-Harris plays either the four or five position. The sophomore was all-tournament selection weekend. Inada is the point guard.

At 5-foot-9, Harris often finds herself guarding taller players that hasn't been a problem according to Lawson.

"Spring is very athletic," said. "She uses her jumping ability to negate taller players."

One of the benefits about young program, coach, and is the clean slate with which everyone starts. There are no expectations, other than to work and improve.

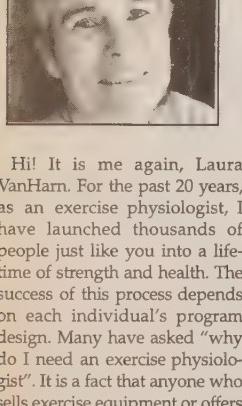
"My initial goal," Lawson "was to build a solid foundation and to be at or above .500 this season. We're limited in amount of girls we have on campus. The junior class has just girls in it."

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Then, in their final game before a tough Alameda-Contra

Costa Athletic League schedule begins at Richmond on Friday at 5:30, the Cougars broke through.

On Saturday they remained poised to the wire, defeating St. Patrick's of Vallejo, 54-50. Rickey Spencer and Tony Hernandez contributed to most of the scoring against St. Patrick's, Spencer with 16 and Hernandez with 15 points.

But it was point guard Bruce Roberts who made the All-Tournament team for the Cougars. Roberts led his team in scoring in the first round with 12 points, and collected the most Albany rebounds over the three-day event,

including seven boards in Saturday's win.

Roberts' rebounding was particularly crucial because Albany's starting center, Billy Zeier, injured his ankle in the first quarter on Thursday, and was out for the remainder of the tournament.

According to Kagawa, Zeier's status for Friday's league opener is questionable.

Kagawa remains optimistic about his team's chances, despite the difficulty of the ACCAL. He was delighted to see guard Danny Christopher find the mark in the East Union game, scoring 13

points mostly from the outside.

Kagawa recognizes the necessity for a productive jump shooter, especially against a huge team such as Richmond that used its height effectively in an earlier win over Albany.

"We'll try to take advantage of every opportunity," Kagawa said of Friday's daunting task. "I am hoping that we can limit the number of shots they take, and make good decisions on offense."

A very recent trend has seen the Cougars (5-10) make enough good decisions to win, and save the punch line for the end.

Jackets

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then she dumped 14 first quarter points on Lowell (San Francisco).

Hollans' quick start enabled a Berkeley first half ambush, as it warmed to a 52-15 lead at intermission. Similarly, the Jackets raced to a 19 halftime advantage in the title match.

Point guard Coriel Davis joined Jackson and Hollans on the All-Tournament team.

After Friday's undoing of St.

Mary's, and Saturday's remorseless羞ing of St. I., one had to wonder where this blasphemous rampage could end.

Clearly Nakamura would like to see his squad remain irreverently successful throughout the East Bay Athletic League season, and into the playoffs.

Though the EBAL has some strong teams this season, with a week to go before league play begins, Berkeley just be considered the early choice for league champion.

"Monte Vista should be tough," Nakamura said. "So should San Ramon and Amador Valley. But I think we've got to be one of the favorites. We may be a little better prepared for important games at this point."

Certainly Nakamura's ability to give his bench plenty of minutes early in the year should translate into wins when future games turn on foul trouble and fatigue.

This week the Jackets travel to El Molino on Saturday, then open their league season at Livermore next Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Still, some of the best games of the year will take place several times a week at Berkeley when school lets out and practice begins. It'll be the first team's offensive potency vs. the second team's defensive tenacity in scrimmages featuring two of the area's top squads.

As in most of Berkeley's games, this is a contest it just can't lose.

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during the preseason down the stretch.

A Division IV school, SM didn't duck the competition. While a lower division school such as Salesian (13-1) played opponents on their own level, the Panthers played higher division teams.

The preseason culminated with the Dean Woodson Classic, where the host Panthers took on Fremont and Oakland.

The Panthers dropped both games to dip below .500. However, SM played well in both, giving hope for the future to this program.

"Looking at the young talent on this team, I know the future is bright," Caraballo said.

After suffering a 20-point loss last Friday to the Bay Area's top-ranked Fremont (according to one poll), the Panthers bounced back

to put a big scare into Oakland (10-4) before losing, 62-59.

It was the play of three talented freshmen in that game that sent a signal to the rest of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League that the Panthers won't be pushovers.

"We take the abuse early on," Caraballo said. "But people better watch out."

Freshman Billy Heidi exploded, scoring 15 of his game-high 22 points in the fourth quarter. Heidi, who has led the team in scoring in three games, was 9-of-10 from the free throw line in the final quarter. Caraballo's other two talented rookies, Eddie Smith and Kellen Dixon, played extremely well against a more athletic opponent.

"Eddie (Smith) handled the ball real well and played excellent defense," Caraballo said. "Kellen played well inside against some

Register for Albany LL

For Albany Little League, 1996 was one of the most successful years in its history. The regular season champions of each age group advanced to the Tournament of Champions.

The challenge of the 1997 season is whether Albany can match its successful 1996 record. Registration is scheduled for Jan. 13 and Jan. 21 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Marin Middle School, and Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Memorial Park.

Albany LL requires all players to live in Albany,

Kensington, or Berkeley from Cedar Street north.

Teams are formed by age and skills into three divisions: Big League (16-18-year-olds), Senior League (13-15-year-olds), and Little League (7-12-year-olds).

Albany subdivides its Little League into four divisions based on age and skills: Major League (10-12-year-olds), AAA (9-12-year-olds), AA (8-10-year-olds), and A (7-9-year-olds).

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Fremont's roster, including Jules Milstead and D'Undre Perteete.

"They've grown up watching some of these kids play," he said. "They look up to them. I thought they'd be too nervous going up against them."

Which is probably what the other ACCAL coaches will think not too far down the line when they face SM.

Richmond P.A.L. hoop tryouts

The Richmond P.A.L. will hold tryouts in girls' basketball at 1 p.m. Jan. 11 and 12 at Harry Ells High for girls ages 12 through 15.

The high school is located at 35th Street and McDonald Avenue.

For more information, call 215-3331, or 758-3103.

WINTER FUN**On the Snowline**

By Charlie Coane

Now that the holidays are behind us, we can take the time to enjoy some of the best skiing in the country, right in our own backyard."

Sierra ski resorts have made some significant improvements during the summer... some more than others, of course. Alpine Meadows has installed the first six passenger high-speed chair-lift in the West. It placed the four passenger chair-lift that replaced a two passenger chair seemingly only a few years ago. Next in line is a ten passenger chair (just kidding!). Alpine also breaks the ice to snowboarding this season after holding out for several years.

Sierra-At-Tahoe pulled out three chairs and replaced them with three new high speed

quads. Squaw Valley dumped its Exhibition and Searchlight lifts at the bottom of the mountain with a new high speed quad which will cover all their terrain. Squaw has also added more lighting along the three-mile long Mountain Run and the Half-Pipe and All-Terrain Park. At Diamond Peak - out went the 30-year-old Lodgepole double chair and in went a new quad with a third Launch Pad loading system. Mt. Rose at 8300' has installed snow making equipment near the main base lodge.

Dodge Ridge has added a cross country-snowshoe center so you now can go to Dodge and jump into downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing and snowboarding all in one day. Northstar-At-Tahoe has made a bold move. If

you're an intermediate skier or above (level 6 and up) you can have free ski lessons. Kids' lift tickets have been reduced from \$19 to \$10. Sierra-At-Tahoe children's rates are now \$5, down from \$12.

"Enjoy some of the best skiing in the country, right in our own "backyard"."

Sugar Bowl, in the middle of a five year expansion plan, has added another high speed quad chair and 400 acres of new terrain. And finally, Kirkwood has plunked down \$1 million dollars for a new children's skiing and snowboarding center complete with two surface tows and a snow-making system.

Charlie Coane has been skiing throughout the West for the past 30 years. His snow reports on radio can be heard nationwide on Sports Byline USA.

Most of us enter the Holiday season with big expectations of ourselves. We don't want to miss out on anything and we want to lose weight in the process. When actually our main goal during the Holidays should be to do better than the prior year. That's it, nothing more. If last Holiday season you gained five pounds and never exercised, this year you strive to exercise twice a week and gain only one or two pounds.

The biggest problem facing us during the Holidays is setting our goals too high. If you gained ten pounds during the Holidays of 1995, why would your goal be to lose ten pounds during the Holidays of 1996? We set ourselves up to fail, and then when January 1st hits, not only are we depressed from failing to lose the ten pounds, we then set an even bigger goal for January.

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Martin Snapp

I Want My HTV! Who needs Jenny McCarthy? I miss Roger Mudd!

I'm referring to the fact that the new TCI Bay Cablevision lineup is out, and guess what they eliminated? The History Channel! Instead, they've replaced it with ESPN2. Just what we need — yet another sports channel.

Now, if you live in Albany this won't mean anything to you, because you're on Century Cable. But those of us in Berkeley and El Cerrito are getting shafted.

The official party line from the local office is that viewer surveys show that The History Channel isn't popular in Berkeley.

I don't know about you, but nobody ever asked me. Besides, a TCI spokesman told me last week that The History Channel is one of the top three most-requested channels in the Bay Area!

Moreover, Berkeley and El Cerrito are full of Cal professors and students — the very people whom The History Channel appeals to.

To rub salt in the wound, at the same time that we're losing The History Channel, San Francisco and Oakland are finally receiving it, after years of waiting.

But there's something we can do; namely, raise a stink (in a nice way, of course). If you can tear yourself away from those Thighmaster commercials for a second, drop a note to Dahlia Moody, the general manager of TCI Bay Cablevision, at 2900 Technology Court, Richmond, CA 94806.

I know it's a pain to have to take the trouble to write, but if she gets enough letters it'll give her enough clout to convince the bigwigs at TCI headquarters back in Colorado to change their minds.

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Meter Madness: Speaking of complaints, when I asked you to send me your parking meter horror stories last week, I had no idea how widespread the problem is. Here's just a sample:

"I put in enough money for an hour and it gave only about 50 minutes. When I got back to the car in less than an hour there was a ticket. I was so angry about this that I went to court. I told the Commissioner my story. At this point the court clerk began to nod in agreement with me, and the Commissioner asked her if that were her experience also. She said yes, and he dismissed the ticket. I'm a lawyer, and if the parking meters were run by a private company rather than the City I would sue for unfair business practices." — Ted Bloom

"Most of the parking meters in downtown Berkeley don't even register all the time you have bought. On a one hour meter, three quarters will hardly ever take the needle all the way up to 60 minutes. Maybe we should all carry a supply of small paper bags to place over shortchanging meters, and a marker to write 'broken.'" — Lynn M. Rubin

"I went to my optometrist in Oakland on College, just below Broadway. My appointment was for 9 am. I got there just before 9, put in my money, had my appointment, went off. A month later I get a notice from the City of Oakland that I haven't paid my parking ticket for parking at 8:45 in a yellow car! (My car is white.) I never saw such a ticket and I wasn't even there at the time the ticket was issued! I called and was given such a run-around as you wouldn't believe (well, actually you would, given what you wrote in your column today) to the effect that we don't believe you, our meter maids are never wrong, and if you wish to contest this you have to take time off work, come down and file a complaint, wait for a court date, take time off again, etc. etc. I have never shopped in Oakland since, and I will never shop there again. Hit them where it hurts! Take your money out of the community and tell them why!" — Helen Ellinger

"I used to work at the State Health Dept at Shattuck and Berkeley Way. At one point I noticed that I got a ticket when I was almost positive I'd put in enough money. I started talking to co-workers about it and found out that the meters were notorious for not giving people the time they'd paid for. (The meter would go up to the right amount of time, then go down real quick!) I kept careful watch after that and several more times got tickets I knew I hadn't incurred. I even wrote to the City suggesting they check all the meters in the lot, but never heard back. I guess they'd rather have the burden on stressed-out citizens to challenge them, meter by meter (obviously aware that many people won't catch on and will just pay the tickets)." — Carol David

"I parked near Shattuck Ave., put a half hour's worth of coins in the meter and went about my business. Came back after about 27 minutes to find a parking ticket on my windshield. Since my experience in Berkeley I always expect the meters there to short time me and I adjust my timing to compensate. Maybe what is needed is to check the operation of the meters in Berkeley and then a class action against the bureaucracy. Maybe Berkeley could be forced into getting rid of the meters, and run the parking enforcement like Palo Alto. No, they would never accept a good idea from Stanford town!" — Jim Koepke

And finally, some sage advice on how to beat the system from Mystah Leath, who underwent a similar bureaucratic run-around and lived to tell the tale: "The secret is to play really stupid and helpless. They'll take pity on you and be helpful. But if you get angry or abusive, they'll pull rank on you every time."

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Cardroom

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sible Government. It excused Ladbrooke and the city from their obligations under the agreement and allowed them to mutually waive the Feb. 1 "drop dead date," after which the cardroom project would have essentially ceased to exist.

Aside from the acknowledgement of delay, the AIM was essentially the same as the one proposed on Dec. 16. CRG challenged that AIM on the basis that it was a legislative action subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, and that it presented "serious questions" under Albany's Measure C, which deals with development on the waterfront, and under the moratorium provision of the Gaming Registration Act, among other things.

A letter from the city of Berkeley received at the Dec. 16 meeting stated: "We generally agree with the analysis set forth in CRG's comments." Berkeley filed a friend of the court brief on behalf of CRG's appeals court case last year.

As for the changes since the AIM was first proposed, CRG attorney Bob Outis called them "window dressing" not relevant to the issue before the council.

While approximately 70 concerned citizens showed up for the previous meeting, that number grew to a 100 on Monday, jamming the council chamber and spilling into the City Hall lobby.

As is usual in the council chamber, rhetoric was in no short supply as cardroom opponents and supporters wove elaborate metaphors in an attempt to sway the council's decision. While opponents greatly outnumbered supporters at the Dec. 16 meeting, a few dozen union members who applauded the amendment and spoke little tipped the scales this time around.

"The only correct decision you can make is to do nothing," Albany resident Leon Rimov said, adding that if the council were to take action, it would be tantamount to delivering a poke in the eye to Albany's voters.

Albany resident Peter Campbell had a different take on the situation, though. After saying a lack of action would instead be a slap in the face to city voters, Campbell urged the council to uphold the November, 1994 vote which approved the cardroom project, and to let the lawsuit come to its natural conclusion.

"The last time I checked, the definition of a majority was fifty percent plus one," Campbell said, adding later that "It is not up to the city to decide the merits of this particular case."

Cardroom supporter Michael Feiner, whose loss in the November 1996 City Council election could have ended up tipping the scales in favor of opponents, spoke to those who would interpret the various legal actions for themselves.

"We have lots of lawyers in this room, most of whom haven't been to law school and don't practice law," Feiner said. "You have a duty to the voters to let the courts decide whether there is merit to this lawsuit or not."

CRG President David Arkin, on the other hand, reminded the council of the inaccurate budget deficit predictions put forth during the 1994 election, which were the main selling point of the project. He also produced a city newsletter which first introduced the cardroom project,

Sewer

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Albany City Hall. As was the case last winter, the dilemma began with the two sides in disagreement over the most basic of issues — exactly whose sewer line was flowing.

According to a letter from Ekern to Patrick Keilich, Berkeley's deputy director of public works, a member of Berkeley's staff met a representative of the Regional Water Quality Control Board at the site in December and mistakenly claimed the sewer line was Albany's. That letter, written Dec. 16, received no response, and was followed by one from Albany City Administrator Daren Fields to Berkeley City Manager James Keene.

"The continued discharge of sewage into the streets and private property of the City of Albany and its residents is clearly unacceptable...If the City of Berkeley does not immediately move to address Albany's concerns, the City of Albany will undertake legal action to create a remedy," the letter states.

Albany Mayor Bob Good, who lives on Portland Avenue but did not experience flooding, said he informally contacted Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean last week. "My impression is that there has not been sufficient communication (between the two staffs)," Good said.

He also said although "the word lawsuit has come up," he would prefer not to pursue such a route.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board has also gotten involved. VJ Patel, an engineer with the board,

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had occurred at all, considering all the work the city has undertaken recently to prevent them. He was encouraged, though at the demonstration that the city is "on the right track."

He told the council, for example, that battalion chief Mark Scott told him that the El Cerrito Fire Department had "one of the easiest times" ever in responding to storm calls.

"When they did clear a drain or a grade, the water went right down," Struve said.

Struve had also received some encouraging information from Contra Costa County's hydrology department.

A good storm drain system is designed to handle all but the heaviest of storms, the kind only expected to occur every 10 years or more.

Such projections are derived from statistics based on historical patterns. In other words, it is projected that over

Clubhouse

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inches, between the concrete slab of the building and the base rock.

Rock contours on the original plot plan revealed the presence of a fault, but there were no regulations governing building next to faults in 1966. The engineer recommended further studies to determine if a fault is indeed present and affecting the stability of the foundation.

Randall, however, did not encourage the council to finance such a study, which would cost \$21,000.

"It seemed that there was no good explanation (for the problems) than seismic activity," said Randall. "To spend \$21,000 to prove what we already felt was happening didn't seem like a good use of funds."

Taking into consideration the age of the building and the city's current need for a building on the site, staff recommended its demolition. "Fencing and boarding" it off from use would likely only create an "attractive nuisance," Randall said.

The clubhouse has been used mainly for childcare in recent years; that need can be permanently accommodated at the Castro site. On the other hand, he said, the community will feel its loss as "a popular rental facility."

Council members feel the community will feel the loss

and the inaccurate predictions to voters, reminding the council that the newsletter, sent out under the seal of the city, was paid for by Ladbrooke.

Arkin then brought up the \$78,000 the city recently spent to plant street trees, saying that if Albany was facing a financial crisis, as some have asserted, it should not be spending so much money on trees.

"You have every reason to vote against this recommendation, and few, if any, to vote for it," Arkin said.

The comment period was then closed, at which point Councilmember Peggy Thomsen asked for clarification as to the difference between an amendment and an AIM (see above). After some talk as to whether the lawsuit would continue if the cardroom itself was a moot point, Councilmember Bruce Mast asked if the street trees were funded by grants, and for some clarification as to the city's budget condition in general.

City Administrator Daren Fields replied "yes" to Mast's first question, an answer Arkin would challenge the following day after reviewing a copy of the Capital Improvement Program. He also said the city's balanced budget for fiscal year 1995/96 was the result of a one-time Public Employee Retirement System fund rate reduction of \$130,000.

Fields also answered a question from Thomsen, who asked what the financial implications would be if the city took no action and let the development agreement expire.

According to Fields, if the city were to let the development agreement expire — and thus end its relationship with Ladbrooke — the gaming giant might ask to be reimbursed for the more than \$600,000 it spent defending the case. Fields said Ladbrooke "may or may not have a cause for action" in such an event, and that \$600,000 would have an "incredible impact" on the city's budget, and would result either in increased taxes or reduced services.

"It's potentially a very stark financial situation if you decide to jump off the train," Fields said.

Prior to the meeting, Ladbrooke Vice President John Ford told *The Journal* his corporation had not even addressed such an issue.

Mast then addressed his fellow council members once again, saying, "At this point, the crux of the issue is respecting the democratic process." He also spoke to those who say public opinion has turned against the project, saying as far as he could tell Albany was still a house divided 50-50. (Mast said later in the evening he conducted an informal telephone poll of city voters).

After moving approval of the resolution to enter into the AIM, Councilmember Elizabeth Baker said scrapping the deal would have a "chilling effect" on those who would do business in Albany.

Mayor Bob Good, who appeared to be the swing vote on the issue, read those present a copy of Robert's Rules of Order, written not by himself but by a 19th century brigadier general. The rules state that it is the minority's duty to "gracefully submit" to the will of the majority. He also spoke to the permitted delay clause in the development agreement, saying "I can't imagine why else this section should be in here."

Thomsen finished off the council comments in somewhat shocking fashion, saying she was not willing to jeopardize the city's financial future by voting no. Jon

said he would meet with the two cities during the next week or so to search for a possible remedy. Although the board cannot tell cities how to deal with their overflows, it can force them to do so or face heavy fines.

"We cannot really tell the cities how to solve their problems," Patel said. "We can tell them it needs to be solved."

Will Bruhns, also from the regional board, said fines could run as high as \$10 per gallon or \$10,000 a day. "These are not minor fines," Bruhns said, adding that the board would probably not invoke such a penalty.

For their part, Portland Avenue residents, who have been left to watch where they step, don't seem to care what the two cities agree to so long as the sewage goes away.

"It seems like two cities should be able to get together and plan a sewage system," said Portland Avenue resident Laura Mori.

Beyond the obvious aesthetic dilemma of having raw sewage in one's yard, Jester also pointed to the health hazards such a mess can create. She said she fought a constant battle during the latest overflow to keep her children and cat from tracking sewage into her house. Although an Albany crew washed residents' lawns and disinfected them with bleach on Friday, bits of dried toilet paper could still be seen on the grass.

"Tell me how you keep a cat off the grass," Jester said.

According to Ekern, those who come into contact with raw sewage could be at risk for hepatitis and ecoli

Ely, who was advised not to participate in the hearing a city-hired attorney (Ladbrooke waived any objection to this particular hearing), said nothing other than the sole "no" vote.

A hearty cheer then emanated from the cardroom supporters and union members present, drowning out those of those who would have had the council do otherwise. The city now appears to be in the same position as two months ago — waiting for the lawsuit to be resolved. Although CRG has said they might pursue separate lawsuits regarding Monday's action, one such a course of action had yet to be determined.

While CRG members seemed to accept the unusual calm immediately following the news, Arkin called *The Journal* Tuesday morning and Fields of lying to the council regarding the street trees.

According to the recently-released Capital Improvement Program, the \$78,000 street tree program consists of \$33,000 grant from the Small Business Association and \$45,475 city match. "When it comes to the prominent street trees, \$45,000 was taxpayer dollars," Arkin regard to Fields' comment the previous night.

Fields, however, said the match came from state already paid for, in-kind donations such as maintaining the \$35 fee to a tree planted, and through the Fund, which acquired its money through gas tax revenue from Alameda County Measure B, and that none money was drawn from the General Fund.

"As we know, the city budget is a shell game," said, apparently unsatisfied by Fields' answer.

To which Fields responded: "It's obvious Mr. Mast did not want an answer to his question or he would have asked me instead of going to the newspaper."

Arkin also spoke to Fields' assertion of potential lawsuit if the council did not take action. "What galls me is that the City Administrator can stand up and say Ladbrooke has us over a barrel," he said. "None of the council members questioned it. It's like Ladbrooke has already bought City Hall."

According to Fields, the talk of a potential lawsuit resulted from conversations he had with Zweben. Zweben said that if the city had let the development agreement expire, Albany might have faced paying not only Ladbrooke's legal fees but CRG's as well.

"We try to assess every risk that would flow from a decision from 'do nothing' to 'doing something,'" Zweben said. Prior to Monday's vote, the city also sent a letter to Outis asking if he would waive any claim he might have to attorney fees if the council had not waived the line.

"CRG responded by declining to agree to any specific, which we took as...a no," Zweben said. At the potential cost of not waiving the "drop dead" date of discussion in the closed session held prior to Monday's meeting?

"The purpose of closed sessions is to have confidential discussions," Zweben said.

As for the cardroom lawsuit as a whole, despite events of the past month, everything seems to be where it was before the whole issue of the development agreement came up. A court of appeals oral argument still has yet to be scheduled.

The heavy rains also left some residents of Key Boulevard and Talbot Avenue with bathtubs full of water as a result of excess water pressure where a segment of Albany line meets the line from Berkeley. Ekern said whatever solution the two cities arrive at could take some time to complete.

"There's no such thing as an immediate fix. This is a multi-year project," he said.

Overall, rainwater infiltration into sewer lines which results from leaks in aging pipes — is a billion dollar problem around the Bay Area. The cities of Berkeley, Albany, Alameda, Oakland, Piedmont and Emeryville are currently under a cease and desist which mandates they fix infiltration-caused overflows by the year 2017.

Those living on Portland Avenue hope a solution come sooner. One woman said she was reduced to by the dilemma, and another said her husband had to through the mess to get to her front door. Jester, like residents of the 1400 block, received copies of the Albany letters blaming Berkeley for the overflow found them to be of little comfort.

"It's time to solve the problem," she said. "I want any more letters. I just want it off my lawn."

Despite that fact, damage caused by last week's storm caused far less flooding damage than the 1995 storm, said, because of the storm drain renovations and improvements the city has made in its maintenance process.

"You can never completely eliminate flooding items in these 10-year storms," he said. At the same time, Struve believes "we can do better with only some adjustments."

At the council's meeting Monday night, he suggested that the city purchase and install new debris racks that are "accessible and easy to maintain." Such a project is not costly, he said. The installation of new racks was studied as a part of the planning being undertaken for fourth year of storm drain renovation.

Struve would also like to see an expansion of the street sweeping fourth year of storm drain renovations.

"Street sweeping might go a long way in some residential areas," he said.

Ekern also advised city residents to Cerrito Creek, which runs along Albany's northern border. When the street floods, he said, the sewage will into storm drains and thus into the creek.

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Ritz is concerned that the quality of life in El Cerrito will be adversely affected as public facilities continue to close due to lack of money for needed maintenance renovations.

Council members and staff agreed that optimal building will one day be replaced at a different location. They also seemed to agree, however, that such an extensive undertaking will not be possible at any time foreseeable future.

Brusatori suggested, though, that with private contributions, replacement "might occur sooner than we thought at this moment."

Resident Peter Loubal had also suggested to the council that interested neighbors might come up with creative solution to meeting the community's needs.

Ritz said she would "love to see a new facility at Canyon Trails, a project she estimated at about \$200,000. A bond measure might be one option she said. Whether the solution, she believes "we need to look as a comprehensive" at the ongoing problems and financing options.

The demolition itself will cost \$60,000 by estimates.

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■ East Bay Events

pening at the Rep: *Cloud Tectonics*



Beginning this weekend the Berkeley Repertory Theatre presents Jose Rivera's *Cloud Tectonics*, a "magical love story of two unlikely souls who experience the 'endless now' of love." Berkeley Repertory Director Tony Taccone directs. The play opens Wed., Jan. 15 and closes Fri., Feb. 7. Preview performances begin tomorrow.

Written in the imaginative style that has become Jose Rivera's signature, *Cloud Tectonics* begins during a torrential storm in Los Angeles. Anibal de la Luna, a baggage handler for American Airlines, covers a beautiful and very pregnant young woman named Celestina Sol hitchhiking along the roadside. Celestina enters Anibal's home and heart, and the couple share a sanctuary where clocks stop and two years can pass in the span of one evening. A visit from Anibal's younger brother Nelson disrupts their solitude, and he, too, falls under Celestina's spell. The cast includes Judy Reyes as Celestina and Gary Diaz as Anibal.

Dance Production '97 at Berkeley High

If you've never seen one of Berkeley High School's justly celebrated "Dance Production" performances, you're missing one of the more exhilarating experiences. The only chance you'll have this will be Jan. 10-11 and 17-18 at 8 p.m. in the Florence Schwimley Theatre on the BHS campus. Admission is \$4. "Dance Production" is energetic teenagers flying through the air with greatest of ease, young talent by the bucketful. It makes *Fame* look slightly jaded and anemic. Catch it if you can.

Aurora Theatre Company presents Henry James's *The Aspern Papers*

The Aurora Theatre Company, well-known for its intimate, draw-room style performances at the Julia Morgan-designed Berkeley Club, continues its fifth season with the Michael Redgrave adaptation of Henry James's *The Aspern Papers*. Performances take place Wednesdays through Sundays, Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Showtimes are 8 p.m., except for Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Four preview performances will be held Jan. 10-12 and 15. The production is directed by Tom Ross and features Lorri Holt, Molly Mayock, Julian Lopez-Morillas, Barbara Oliver, Tim Redmond, and Suzanne Voss. *The Aspern Papers* is the story of an ambitious American scholar who insinuates himself into a crumbly Venetian palazzo where Miss Juliana Bordereau lives with her niece Tina. Miss Bordereau, nearly 100 years old, was the friend and confidante of poet Jeffrey Aspern. The scholar believes she has some of Aspern's private papers and that gaining access to them will make his reputation. In short, one of James's favorite themes: the loss of innocence abroad.

Oak concert series

A new year-long series of chamber music concerts on Sundays at 1 p.m. will begin Jan. 12 at the Berkeley Arts Center. For the debut performance the Paolo String Quartet will play a program of Mozart, Bartók, and others. The Berkeley Art Center is located at 1275 Grant St. For more information call 644-6893.

Film: Madonna's *Evita*—some package



In real life, Eva Duarte de Perón—*Evita*—was even the tiniest of indigenous like Madonna's recreation of her in *Evita*, the much-loved film made from the popular new Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical, then it's no wonder that fans of her time, the fifties, went bananas over her.

Madonna's *Evita* idealizes Rosalind Carter with her mother, Eleanor Roosevelt, in a crowd-pleasing, svelte blonde package. But who was Eva Perón really? The illegitimate child who slept her way into a modeling and acting career, finally became what she appears after she marries Argentinean Juan Perón and turns into the vice president she longs to be. Was the prime mover in his government? Was the tramp replaced by—well—madonna?

That's in the second half of the 135-minute film. The first half chronicles *Evita*'s rise from rejected love-child of a wealthy (and married) country squire, through her one-night stand with tango singer Agustín Magaldi (Jimmy Nail), whom she

Books: A blueprint for urban ecology

by Marc Breindel

Everybody talks about the weather, but Berkeleyans do more than most about it, according to Urban Ecology's new *Blueprint for a Sustainable Bay Area*.

Urban Ecology President Andrea Traber—a Berkeley resident herself—said she helped create *Blueprint* both to document local environmental efforts and to offer new strategies for a greener Berkeley future.

"There's a lot of good work going on, on a lot of different levels," Traber said. "What we do with this book is bring it all together in one place."

Blueprint describes over 40 successful Bay Area projects, many based in Berkeley. The book shows how those efforts have succeeded, explains why they benefit the environment, and offers ways to replicate such work elsewhere.

Local examples include Berkeley Youth Alternatives' organic farming program, the West Berkeley mixed-use development plan, the joint Berkeley/Oakland recycling-for-market effort, and various city-supported community gardens.

Urban Ecology recognizes that societal change is complicated, even in Berkeley. A whole section of *Blueprint* is dedicated to working through community development, as was done in Berkeley's old industrial zone.

"That's really a good example of how a city has said 'Look, we value industry, and we don't want it to go out to the (agricultural) region where the land is cheap,'" Traber said. "There's always a lot of controversy in Berkeley, but it's pretty healthy controversy, I would say."

Blueprint includes some programs one might overlook when thinking about environmental renewal. For example, Berkeley has developed several multipurpose schools that Urban Ecology credits with conserving resources and fostering community spirit. They include the public access cable TV station at Berkeley High School and the youth and family services planned for Columbus School.

As Traber explains, Urban Ecology seeks not a return to some prehistoric hunter-gatherer era but a mixture of modern lifestyles with lively cities at the center and productive farmland all around. Although the book recommends more green space within the city, it never suggests that skyscrapers don't have a healthy role to play.

"We wrote the book with the intention of talking to people who normally don't think about these issues," Traber said, "rather than continuing to talk to ourselves."

To order *Blueprint for a Sustainable Bay Area* call Urban Ecology at 251-6330.

This Saturday and Sunday:

Paris Opera Ballet Brings Ballet History to Zellerbach

by Carol Egan

This weekend's appearance of the Paris Opera Ballet Ensemble at Zellerbach Hall will offer audiences a rare glimpse of ballet history, beginning with the institution itself and continuing through the repertory, which includes milestone works and excerpts covering much of the history of ballet.

The company, directed by Patrick Dupond, includes star, principal, and core dancers from the oldest ongoing ballet institution in the world. Local audiences will be able to see new as well as old works on the two programs offered Sat., Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. and Sun., Jan. 12 at 2 p.m.

Repertory featured in the Zellerbach Hall performances includes excerpts from well-known Romantic ballets such as *La Sylphide* (1836) and *Giselle* (1841); Classical ballets such as the *Nutcracker* (1892), *Swan Lake* (1895), and *Raymonda* (1898); a post-classical work (*The Dying Swan*, 1907); the neo-classical *Apollo* (1928); and a smattering of more recent works.

In 1661 Louis XIV, France's so-called "Sun King," founded the Académie Royale de Danse for the purpose of improving the quality of dance instruction and establishing "scientific principles" for ballet. Louis issued a decree in 1713 establishing a permanent troupe of dancers at the Paris Opera and creating a school of dance associated with it. It is from this nearly 300-year-old tradition that the current company emerges.

Much has changed in ballet since then, but much has also remained the same, particularly in the methods of training dancers laid down so many years ago by the "scientific principles" of the ballet masters of Louis' time.

Both programs being shown here open with George Balanchine's *Apollo*, a landmark work created for Diaghilev's Ballets Russes in 1928 and considered one of the first "neo-classical" ballets. It will feature Charles Jude as Apollo with Francoise Legree, Ghislaine Fallou, and Stephanie Romberg as the Muses. *Apollo* marked Balanchine's first full collaboration with Igor Stravinsky.

The programs close with Act III of *Raymonda*, danced by the entire ensemble. The piece has been rechoreographed by Rudolf Nureyev, based on the original by Marius Petipa, ballet master at the Imperial Theatre in St. Petersburg from 1862 until 1903. Nureyev, one of many distinguished alumni of the St. Petersburg ballet school,



directed the Paris Opera Ballet from 1983 until his death in 1989.

Saturday night's program will also include *La Sylphide*, originally choreographed in 1832 by Filippo Taglioni for his very gifted daughter, Marie, considered one of the first ballerinas to rise on her toes. Seen here in the 1836 version created by Auguste Bournonville, it remains a stellar example of the Romantic ballet period. The pas de deux from Act II of Bournonville's ballet will be performed by Francoise Legree and Stephane Phavorin. In addition Michael Fokine's *The Dying Swan*, a solo created in 1907 for Anna Pavlova, his classmate at the Imperial Ballet School, will be performed by Florence Clerc on Saturday night.

Further works on the first program include the Act II pas de deux from *Nutcracker*. Ella Jarowezvitch's *Pierrot Lunaire* (1980), *Three Preludes*, by Ben Stevenson (1969), and *Annis*, by Jacques Garnier (1979).

The Sunday afternoon performance, again bracketed by *Apollo* and *Raymonda*, will also include the pas de deux from Act II of *Giselle*, a work frequently seen on ballet stages throughout the

world. Created in 1841, this ballet brought the Romantic period to a close. Its libretto by Theophile Gautier, a poet, writer, critic and avid balleromane (he is also considered the "father of dance criticism"), conveys the essence of romanticism. It will be performed by Florence Clerc and Kader Belarbi. The program also features the pas de deux from Act II of *Swan Lake*, another superb example of the Classical period in ballet history.

Sunday's program will also feature works by contemporary choreographers, including Oscar Araiz's *Adagietto* (1971), Garnier's *Annis*, and a new work by Alexander Proia, formerly of the Boston and New York City ballets.

The Paris Opera Ballet incorporates some of the greatest ballets ever created in its repertory. Berkeley will be able to savor a few of them. To see the company performing some of its latest acquisitions (by the likes of Cunningham, Tharp, and Pina Bausch), one will have to travel to Paris. Meanwhile, we can enjoy a taste of the glorious tradition of ballet without leaving the Bay Area.

BHS students learn about African-American culture during Kwanzaa week

by Marc Breindel

the bite of the original.

Once *Evita* has snagged Juan Perón and made it to the top, there's little to say. Perón suppresses a strike by railway workers and squelches the press; *Evita* is accused of hanky-panky with the funds of the charitable foundation she sets up. But it's all glossed over, and we're left with little sense of why Eva and her man (an avid admirer of Mussolini and Franco) were—and are—so controversial.

But there's no denying Madonna's feral charm as *Evita*, nor the appeal of the Rice/Webber score (cranked up to mega-decibel level). Madonna rarely lets loose, preferring to purr the songs in a little-girl voice—"I'd Be Good For You," "I came from the people, they must adore me, so Christian Dior me," and the famous "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina."

Deftly shot and edited, *Evita* has moments of great wit, such as the chorus of soldiers naked in the showers and the scene in which *Evita*, on first arriving at Perón's digs, throws his teenaged mistress out of his bed.

For a woman of her time, and a Latin American woman at that, Eva Perón certainly cut a swath. I'm waiting for the new film, apparently completed in Argentina, that colors that swath in for us.

Umoja was evident during afternoon testimonies, as students from East Campus Continuation School told about their personal drug abuse and prison experiences. Impromptu cheers of "You're doing fine!" lifted the speakers whenever they stumbled.

"I didn't graduate on time because I was in jail," one student told a nodding auditorium. "I count the homes I've lost on two hands."

"We can't survive like this," another student said, as his peers called out their agreement. "As fast as we reproduce, we're dying."

A third East Campus student warned of the "shady brothers" who draw teenagers into crime and asked his friends to band together against their destructive influence.

Unity among black women was the theme of a theatrical production by Hadari Davis's Black Gold class. Students acted out scenes of jealousy among African-American women based on the different "roots" of their hair.

African-American Student Union President Trishana Lewis explained that the Black Gold skit taught healthy social skills, as the "unity."

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characters ultimately learned to overcome their pettiness and find umoja. "As women, we all need to love each other," Lewis said. "Whether we have perms or braids or any other hairstyle, we're still all African-American women."

Kujichagulia, or "self-determination," marks the second day of Kwanzaa, and that theme guided the keynote speech of Nation of Islam Minister Keith Mohammed, a BHS graduate. "You should stop calling yourselves minorities," Mohammed said. "We are minority in power, but not minority in number." He exhorted the students to improve themselves through education and self-discipline, urging them to exchange Kwanzaa gifts that emphasize personal growth.

Other speakers pointed to African-American studies as an avenue to black empowerment. Bringing to mind Oakland's controversy over Ebonics, or black English dialect, graduates defended Swahili instruction at BHS.

"People say 'When are you going to use that?'" said alumnus Miles Magbie. "Well, when are you going to use Spanish or German or French?"

Ujima or "collective work and responsibility," the third day's theme, was another key to the success of the large-scale event. Lewis expanded Kwanzaa into BHS's Little Theater for the first time last school year and opened the festivities even further this time by inviting students from outside the African-American studies department to participate.

That meant a great deal of work for both students and faculty. Lewis said the group functioned together well. "I would call (the collaboration) very successful," he said.

Ujamaa or "cooperative economics" played a role in the sale of tickets and contributions of food, potluck-style. Economics came up on another level when BHS graduates described their careers: Many studied business or accounting in college.

Nia or "purpose" came in the form of alumni visitors. "That's really the highlight of the program," McKnight said. "It's a coming-together of almost an extended family." Many of this year's alumni had spent the fall attending traditionally black schools like Howard, Spelman, and Morehouse.

Several said they chose black schools because they felt most comfortable there, especially after visiting majority-white universities like some University of California cam-



African-American Student Union President and BHS senior Trishana Lewis takes a break from the Kwanzaa festivities.

puses. However, University of Arkansas science major Kasey Ellison encouraged listeners to consider all the alternatives. "Just because you're black doesn't mean you have to go to a black college," Ellison said. "Just because it's predominantly white doesn't mean it's a bad school. Keep your eyes open."

Revelers displayed their kuumba or "creativity" in dance and song at the Little Theater. Styles ranged from traditional African to modern rap.

Alumnus Brandon Ivey, a rhythm 'n' blues/pop singer who hopes to release his first album soon, sang the Black National Anthem, and an Afro-Haitian dance class performed under the direction of teacher Naomi Washington.

Imani or "faith in oneself and in one's people" is the final Kwanzaa theme and played a dominant role in the entire week's events.

Echoing many other speakers, Mohammed praised BHS's African-American Studies Department for exposing students to black culture often neglected in other disciplines.

Mohammed then asked students to take responsibility for implementing the principles of Kwanzaa, which he called universal and unbound by religion.

"These are beautiful principles," Mohammed said. "I hope you learn not only to recite them, but to live them. The question is, will we practice the principles of Kwanzaa January 2 through December 25? You can't pick a day of the week to practice the principles and then forget them the rest of the week."

Travel books from local publishers.

Reviewed by Renata Polt

Ray Riegert, *Hidden San Francisco and Northern California*, Seventh Edition, Ulysses Press, Berkeley, 1996. 479 pages. \$15.95.

When Berkeley travel writer Ray Riegert wrote his first "hidden" guide—*Hidden Hawaii*, in 1979—did he envision a series of successors ranging from "hidden" Tahiti to "hidden" New England? That's how much the series, all published by Berkeley's Ulysses Press, which Riegert founded, has succeeded. So, what would be more logical for Riegert than uncovering what's "hidden" in his own backyard?

Which is what he did back in 1984. *Hidden San Francisco and Northern California* is now out in its seventh edition with added features to make it even more accessible and user-friendly.

As for what's "hidden," that's not particularly esoteric: there are alleys, museums, shops, beaches, restaurants and the like that the casual three-days-in-San Francisco, then-on-to-LA tourist would probably miss. Of course, that kind of tourist won't be likely to have the time to explore the area in ways that Riegert's book makes possible. Consequently, *Hidden San Francisco and Northern California* is a better book for a local person than for any tourist except the most leisurely and thorough.

As one of those locals, I admit that I started off intending to skim through *Hidden SF*, picking up just enough material to write this review. Instead, I found myself reading whole chunks, marking places to explore during that mythical future when I'll "have more time." The book's clear, lively, informative writing is conducive to leisurely browsing.

The new features include icons in the margins drawing attention to the special "hidden" locales—for instance, Fisherman's Wharf's Fish Alley or North Beach's New China Bookstore. Little "check these out" sidebars highlight "unique lodging," "unique dining," "unique sights," and so forth.

Longer one- and two-page sidebars focus on such activities as whale watching, wine tasting, skiing, and river rafting.

The book covers a lot of terri-

tory, from Big Sur to Yreka, with San Francisco itself occupying fewer than one-fourth of the pages. It's not only the geography that's extensive: In addition to the "hidden" features—and let's face it, how much remains "hidden" in an area as well-explored as Northern California?—there's the usual guidebook material on sights, lodging, dining, night life, shopping, and outdoor activities, which Riegert covers especially thoroughly. The section on East Bay parks, for instance, is quite comprehensive. Riegert is also one of the few guidebook authors—

maybe the only one—who tells how to get to the historic section of Niles, where early movies such as Charlie Chaplin's "The Tramp" were filmed.

A brief historical introduction to each area is useful; the one for San Francisco includes the 1989 earthquake, the influence of the gay community and AIDS, and other recent events in addition to the more traditional material from the distant past. (But why has the author omitted the 1991 East Bay Hills fire in the book's East Bay section? And a San Francisco map showing the neighborhoods, which Riegert concentrates on, would be extremely useful.)

It's in that East Bay section and the one on Yosemite, the areas I know best, that I find some errors, oversights, and misspellings. Though Riegert includes a sidebar on Berkeley's "Revolution in the Kitchen," he lists surprisingly few East Bay restaurants aside from the obvious Chez Panisse, Bay Wolf, etc. His section on Berkeley shopping includes Fourth Street, Telegraph, and College Avenues, but neglects Solano. The East Bay section also omits such

treasures as Berkeley's own stairways, and the area's funniest fun night spot, The Apache's Grand Avenue.

Well, a few errors can be given in a guidebook as comprehensive as *Hidden San Francisco and Northern California*. The book has come a long way from the original *Hidden Hawaii*, which was aimed at the traveler. That traveler would be likely to need information on the Stanford Court Hotel at Ahwahnee.

But I'll certainly keep *Hidden SF* in my collection. This time I'm in the City, I'll check one of Riegert's restaurant recommendations or a walk to a "hidden" spot. Just don't ask me to share my hidden spots, especially the ones in Yosemite Valley.

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and to the "financial and technical feasibility" of the project during the first six months, including submission of a preliminary development plan and completion of a site investigation to determine soil and toxic conditions. American Stores would also pay for a property appraisal in order to estimate site acquisition costs.

gencymember Norma Jellison said earlier this week that the ENRA will require that American Stores do a good job of relocating and revitalizing the creek."

Several years ago, when Pep Boys proposed building a car supply and repair center on the site, neighbors and other residents raised concerns about the future of Baxter Creek. They wanted the creek preserved and, if possible, enhanced to provide for some attractive open space.

As the ENRA reads, "within 90 days... (the) development shall commence discussions with the California Department of Fish and Game, the Army Corps of Engineers, other appropriate regulatory agencies, and individuals, to determine the limit of development adjacent to Baxter Creek."

"If necessary, developer will prepare, at developer's sole cost and expense, preliminary plans for potential creek relocation and restoration."

In a letter dated Aug. 7, American Stores' area real estate manager Bruce Qualls stated that "the most efficient and cost effective redevelopment plan preferred" by American Stores is "to place the existing creek underground...." Qualls said, though, that his company "acknowledges that there is a local constituency interested in restoring and retaining the existing creekbed as an amenity to any redevelopment proposed for the site."

For that reason, he said, American Stores is "willing to explore creek relocation options...."

After the completion of the negotiating period, the next step would be for the Redevelopment Agency to enter into a Disposition and Development Agreement with American Stores. That agreement would contain specific requirements related to development and construction.

No expenditure of Redevelopment Agency funds is proposed for the project at this time.

Change

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for a seat on the board in November, and was unsuccessful.

• Not that 1996 without it's share of progress as well: Albany took its first steps toward an affordable housing complex at the Villa Motel, and received a green waste recycling program, a Buchanan Street Bay Trail, a refurbished tot lot and a new Middle School ball field, as well as entering into the planning stages of a new and improved Solano Avenue. Also promised: a renovated University Village.

City attorney Robert Zweben got a new chair (but no raise). The police department solved two murders, although only one was committed (the other occurred in 1995), and, although the Chief Operator teen driving program's Sgt. Bill "Elvis" Palmini won an honorary gold record, a staff report requesting the city extend the program was not so well received, and was sent back to be reworked amid talk of "creative financing" on the part of Police Chief Larry Murdo.

West Albany residents got a new freeway to tower over them, as well as cloud of dust and a good deal of pile-driving noise (the process will continue this year). Portland Avenue residents started 1996 with a few hundred thousand gallons of sewage flooding their street, leaving what one woman called a "toilet paper beach" on her lawn. The problem is still on-going (see story front page).

• In a move nobody could have predicted, a group of astrologers were told they'd have to leave their fingerprints at the police station if they wanted to go to business in Albany, and a Berkeley sculptor's photographs of nude statues in the Community Center were taken down and, amid cries of censorship, put right back up again.

• The city, as mentioned above, also lost its controversial Mayor Brodsky, who is off to pursue a Ph.D. and newfound love, as well as two-term council member Thelma Rubin, 75, whose "150,000 hugs and kisses" will be sorely missed, according to a council resolution honoring her.

"My wish for all of us is for a civilized society," Rubin said at her last council meeting. As an era of city politics came to an end and a new council took their places, Rubin left Albany with one last word: "Shalom (peace unto you)."

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REAL ESTATE

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Berkeley Realtors honor Capitelli

Laurie Capitelli of Red Oak Realty was named Realtor of the Year by the Berkeley Association of Realtors (BAR) during their annual holiday party held at the Claremont Hotel, on Dec. 12.

This prestigious award is presented to Realtors based on their support of board activities, high ethical standards, and civic participation and service.

Capitelli graduated with a degree in political science at U.C. Berkeley and became an avid Cal Bears fan. He even became a student manager of the football Bears and travelled with the team. After graduation and earning his teaching credential at Cal State Hayward; he taught social studies at Alhambra High School in Martinez.

Capitelli married the love of his life, Marilyn, in 1968. Soon to follow were two beautiful children. Sarah is currently a graduate student in early child development at Mills College and Matthew is an Emergency Medical Technician in San Francisco.

After 13 years in the business, his wife Marilyn recently sold Av-

enue Books, a bookstore located in the Elmwood district of Berkeley.

Laurie began his real estate career with Red Oak Realty in 1978.

Capitelli admits his pride and joy is being on the board of directors and serving as president of the Berkeley Public Education Foundation.

He has participated in the development, construction, and marketing of eight condominium projects in Berkeley since 1981.

In the spring of 1996, UC Regents selected him to lead a Red Oak Realty team to market University Terrace, a new 75 unit afford-

able condominium/townhouse complex in central Berkeley designated exclusively for University faculty and staff. Over 50 percent of the units have sold since their grand opening last April.

Capitelli's impressive record of community service includes: California Association of Realtors State Director for six years, past president of the Berkeley Multiple Listing Service, past president of the Berkeley Association of Realtors, Berkeley Board director since 1984, BAR Realtor Associate of the Year and founding director of East Bay Regional Data.

He is currently a BAR board member and serves on the MLS committee. He is Vice President of the Elmwood Theatre Foundation which has successfully purchased and rehabilitated Berkeley's Elmwood Theatre. Capitelli admits his pride and joy is being on the Board of Directors serving as President of the Berkeley Public Education Foundation.



Red Oak Realty partners congratulate Berkeley Association of Realtors "Realtor of the Year" Laurie Capitelli. From left to right: Patrick Leaper, Capitelli, Bob Bloomberg and Peter Campbell.

Red Oak Realty is proud of Laurie's excellence and devotion to improving the way in which

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Laurie and Marilyn currently live in North Berkeley with two dogs, Gus and Jordan.

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COTTAGE.....\$255,000

On a quiet, private street, patio gardens surround this charming retreat with sweeping views. 2BR/1BA plus family room. Large rear deck area with balcony. Needs some TLC, but seller will credit substantial \$\$\$ for foundation work.

BERKELEY SPLIT LEVEL BUNGALOW.....\$238,500

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY - 1ST TIME ON MARKET IN 30 YEARS! Updated, beautifully maintained home in the heart of Berkeley neighborhood. 2BR/2.5BA, cathedral ceilings, FDR, office, master suite, large rear deck perfect for afternoon BBQ's.

SO QUIET IN THE BERKELEY HILLS.....\$227,000

REDUCED \$10,000! It's not just quiet, but tremendous potential! 2BR/1.5BA, formal dining, hdwd floors. Living room with stone frpl & built-ins. Very private backyard with sunny patio. Terrific value.

SOLD

INCREDIBLE BUILDER VALUE.....\$115,000

3 LOTS IN BERKELEY WITH PLANS! Privacy and seclusion on 3 lots subdivided into 2 parcels in

Claremont Hills. Architect plans available for 2 homes, one a 4,000 sq. ft. luxury home with views.

SOLD

NORTH BERKELEY CHARM GALORE.....\$225,000

JUST LISTED! Brown shingle bungalow near Live Oak Park! 2BR/1BA. Remodeled kitchen with custom galley

kitchen, tiled old-fashioned floor, hardwood floors. New roof, plumbing, heating, electrical. Room to expand downstairs.

LOVELY REMODELED VICTORIAN.....\$219,000

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Terrific S.F. commute! Quiet, sunny corner unit in convenient Watergate, overlooks trees and fountain.

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VIEW! VIEW! VIEW!.....\$589,000

Elegant traditional in prime location beautifully maintained and updated. 4+BD, spectacular 2-city view and garden.

Fritz Hochfellner

GREAT BAY VIEW.....\$589,000

New construction in desirable Upper Alvarado area, very spacious with 4BD/3BA, family room, formal dining room, 4,000+ sq ft, soaring ceilings, neutral colors.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION.....\$539,000

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Nancy Dickey/Ollie Hammerel

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Corner lot, mostly level living, 4BD, den, 3BA, beautiful hdwd floors, large living rm, formal dining rm, eat-in kitchen. Patio & garden.

Norm Robinow

COSMETIC FIXER.....\$299,000

Great bay views and a cul-de-sac too. Family room with fireplace, 2 decks, plus rooms for that extra space.

Jack Brenneman

UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$299,000

Great one level home in prime location. Level out to wrap around patio. Walk to shops and transportation.

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OLD WORLD CHARM.....\$224,950

4 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of space, grand formal dining room, built-ins, updated kitchen. Walk to Piedmont Ave.

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VIEW - T - FUL!.....\$200,000

Large lot, approx .8 of an acre with sweeping views of San Francisco, bay, bridges and canyon. Upper Oakmore location.

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Number 176 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

So, our end-of-the-year review took place this week and everyone was there. All the T & T shareholders and department heads, the corporation executives and employees, those responsible for accounting, acquisition, marketing, promotion—both of us—lounged by the winter fire sipping cups of cheer.

In her opening remarks, co-founder and CEO Anet Tarhoff relaxed against the couch cushions and said, "Everyone we represented this year was a joy, not a grump in the bunch. We have much to be grateful for."

"Hear, hear," intoned everyone else. "1996 was fun, it was interesting, we loved the people and we made a living."

"Let's look at the stats, listen to the reports." And for the next hour we were enraptured.

This year, 27 percent of our clients were sellers, 73 percent buyers. There were no veterans. A whopping 100 percent bought or sold a house for the very first time.

The staff writer Pat Talbert leaned forward. "An astonishing 43 percent of our clients," she said proudly, "came from our newspaper column."

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Looking back, looking forward

"Others were old friends. I met 36 percent of this year's clients through real estate 30 years ago."

"We've noticed in the past," Pat went on, "that self-employed people often choose us to represent them, maybe because they look for the power, efficiency and personal attention that a smaller well-run company can give them. This year was no exception—30 percent of our 1996 clients are self-employed."

The 100 percent club reported next. We would gladly work with 100 percent of this year's clients again. And we expect that 100 percent would choose us too.

One hundred percent of our buyers are very, very pleased with their purchases. We were prepared with complete information on 100 percent of our listings before they were marketed; 100 percent of our sellers voiced their delight on receiving multiple offers within two weeks of listing.

We attended 100 percent of our buyers' physical inspections, took photos for them—and for our scrapbook—100 percent of the time, accompanied 100 percent of our clients to the title company to sign papers, were present at 100 percent of our open houses.

Miscellaneous: Half our clients bought or sold in Berkeley, half in Oakland. Thirty percent of our total sales and 75 percent of our listings were houses in Rockridge.

Clients we met for the first time in 1996: 43 percent.

Clients who now know Pat's kids by name: 70 percent.

Our sellers who interviewed three or more agents before listing: 25 percent. Sellers who sim-

ply chose us: 75 percent.

Percentage of buyers in multiple offers: 36 percent. (They all won.)

Number of times we worried that the sellers or tenants wouldn't get their stuff out on time: seven. Number of times it actually happened: one.

Buyer facts: 36 percent of our buyers have kids and 36 percent have dogs, nine percent have both. Half are couples, half singles. Fifty-five percent know which end of the hammer to use. Ten percent never intend to.

Eighty-two percent wanted hardwood floors and got them, 36 percent bought a house with a new kitchen, 55 percent got good indoor-outdoor access.

Forty-five percent of our buyers made down payments of less than 20 percent.

Thirty-six percent looked at more than 25 houses before buying; nine percent looked at one. No one searched for longer than three months.

More than one-third possessed clear vision; from the first they were able to describe what they wanted and they bought it.

House problems: In 20 percent of our sales there were concerns and negotiations about the roof, termite report, foundation or furnace.

We had earthquake worries in 15 percent of our sales and called on an engineer for help. Less than 10 percent of the time, we dealt with sewer, electrical, or tree problems.

Other agents: We rate 36 per-

cent of the agents we worked with this year as excellent, agents who are competent, responsive and thinking.

Goals for 1997: New friends, interesting adventures, good people who are preapproved for loans; more consulting, and several new listings, especially in Rockridge.

The stats done, it was time to recount once-only's for the year, the high point of every annual meeting. We wince and we chortle as we go over the list of the unusual happenings, such as these:

One buyer who bought, then moved in with the seller who had nowhere else to go just then.

After their house sold, the owners invited us to a thank-you ceremony. They toasted us, and his wife, who makes her living writing romance novels (we love this), delivered a carefully composed speech. "You are our Kit Carson," it began.

Over a period of several weeks, a seller gathered rocks from her back yard and left them for us on our office porch.

Buyers inherited oil painting from seller but before buyers could move in, painting disappeared. Quite a mystery until we learned that a neighbor child got in through the cat door and took the painting home.

Buyers had to hire a giant crane to remove a tree threatening their bedroom. We were there!

Seller married in a big wedding in Honolulu in the middle of escrow while rain poured into front wall of her Berkeley property.

Two different sellers at closing, stopped at the commissions and said, 'Best money we ever spent.' There are no sweeter words.

Bad nightmare: waiting six long weeks to hear from lender in short sale that buyers could buy. Almost died.

Double celebration: two different sellers sat at the title company looking at their closing statements, stopped when they got to the amount they were paying in commissions and said, "This is the best money we ever spent." There

are no sweeter words.

T & T thanks all their

clients and all those to

Meeting adjourned.

Anet Tarhoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents, area specialists who also hourly real estate consulting coaching. They can be reached 653-2050.

Real Estate Mailbox

Editor:

I turn to the Tarhoff and Talbert real estate column after a quick glance at the front page and am always informed and entertained.

I have followed Pat Talbert's

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ALBANY
 1 Key Route - \$300,000

BERKELEY
 3 Alcatraz Ave. - \$162,000
 0 Arlington Ave. - \$237,500
 7 Arlington Ave. - \$678,000
 29 Bancroft Way - \$150,000
 31 Belvedere - \$216,000
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 65 Cedar St. - \$225,000
 35 Cedar St. - \$184,000
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 3273 Blandon Rd. - \$155,000
 12032 B'way Terr. - \$261,000
 9009 B'way Terr. - \$480,000
 6000 Broadway - \$636,000
 4630 Brookdale - \$140,000
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 3521 California St. - \$104,500
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 3955 Delmont Ave. - \$147,000
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 1035 Midway Ave. - \$166,000
 3742 Mortensen Rd. - \$190,000
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 1915 San Rafael St. - \$152,500

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 16157 Silverleaf - \$229,000
 16053 Via Cordoba - \$156,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
 TOTAL SALES: 10
 LOWEST PRICE: \$150,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$398,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$245,300

ALBANY
 TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$300,000
 TOTAL SALES: 18

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST PRICE: \$314,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$676,500

AVERAGE PRICE: \$511,300

SAN LEANDRO

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LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$267,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$158,250

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 2

LOWEST PRICE: \$156,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$229,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$192,500

LOWEST PRICE: \$91,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$678,000
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TOTAL SALES: 4

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TOTAL SALES: 1

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LOWEST PRICE: \$137,000

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TOTAL SALES: 2

LOWEST PRICE: \$289,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$300,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$294,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 36

LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$636,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$210,097

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST PRICE: \$314,000

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Earthquake headaches

By H. W. Moss

itself, another disadvantage is the fact that the CEA policy does not stand alone.

You can only get it from a member CEA carrier and you must have a fire or homeowner's policy from that carrier in order to get the endorsement. Your insurance agent writes it up on your existing homeowner's policy.

A though slightly more than 70 percent of the state's fire insurance carriers have endorsed the CEA, some of the large companies have not. Endorsers include Farmers, State Farm, Allstate, U.S.A. (you must be military related to join) and the Automobile Clubs of Northern and Southern California.

But neither Safeco, the state's largest independent insurer in terms of premium dollars written per year, Firemans Fund, Hartford, Chub or Kemper Insurance have become CEA members. They either have their own competing product or, like Safeco and Firemans, offer the old industry standard quake policy developed in the 40s.

None of the nonmember CEA policies carry the potential of an assessment like that found in the CEA policy. One more unhappy truth: Unlike most homeowner's policies there is no payment plan for the CEA. You pay the entire premium up front in advance.

Lenders require a fire insurance policy. Borrowers have no choice when they buy a new home. While earthquake insurance is still discretionary, the demand in Southern California currently exceeds capacity.

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'There is no guarantee that if there's an earthquake tomorrow the CEA will pay you.'

— INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENT PAUL NADLER

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buyer of a particular residential lot, from what larger tract it was subdivided, and for what amount it was purchased. Victorian era homes were usually built shortly after a subdivided lot was purchased, so it is possible to make an educated guess as to the construction date of a given 19th-century house. Call this office at 272-6360 for instruc-

tions on how to access these records.

Determining whether a house is a good example of a specific historic style and/or retains most of its original features requires a thorough knowledge of local architectural history. Such expertise can be acquired by reading one of the comprehensive guides to Bay Area architecture, such my own book, *A Living Legacy: Historic Architecture of the East Bay*. Or you can take a course on local architecture, such as the one I teach at Piedmont

Adult School, "Historic Architecture of the East Bay", which will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning January 14. Call 420-3655 for more information

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"As Is" pointers, part 1

There is no question that, in some situations, an "As Is" sale can work well for both the buyer and seller. In those cases, the buyer can save money and the seller can maximize his net proceeds. To have a win-win transaction, however, there are many things to know about an As Is purchase.

As Is categories

Buying a house As Is can cover a multitude of scenarios. It could mean accepting just one item in its present condition. For example, a buyer might agree to be responsible for a \$795 structural pest control report that included no active infestation or further inspections. Assuming it was from a known local company, this would not be considered especially risky.

On the other hand, I have seen a number of As Is purchases with well over \$100,000 in known repairs. In sales such as this, all aspects of the property would be in As Is condition.

There is obviously a significant difference between these categories. Regardless of the fix-up cost, keep this concept in mind: when you buy As Is, you are buying the property and its problems. Assuming full seller and agent

disclosure and a properly prepared purchase contract, you generally will have no recourse if you suddenly realize the home has become a money pit. Remember that the ultimate dollar figure for all the work is often not known until long after the sale.

Three types of buyers

There are predominantly three types of buyers who pursue As Is purchases: professional contractors; non-contractors with building/repair skills and experience; and "average" buyers with little or no contractor expertise who are hoping for a bargain. Of the three, the third type is the most vulnerable, especially for homes that need extensive work.

There are some people who can learn as they go and be successful buying As Is fixers. Conversely, I have spoken with many who wished it had not cost them so much time, money and emotional energy to learn their lessons.

The inexperienced buyer can make a number of mistakes. First, he may rely on a relative or friend to guide him through the buying inspection process. Unless the helper is a professional in home inspections and/or repairs, problems can slip through the cracks.

A buyer with a good sense of the homebuying process can save a lot of turmoil.

An in-depth analysis is essential when buying a home with an abundance of repair issues.

The second error a novice buyer tends to make is underestimating the skills necessary to perform the various repairs. The buyer often discovers how inadequate his abilities actually are, which leads to his third potential mistake. This is to miscalculate the cost of hiring contractors and tradespeople to fix the most pressing problems he later is unable to handle himself.

After close of escrow, this buyer often finds he cannot get quality work done within his budget. If, in order to save money, he hires non-licensed people to do the job without permits, he may subsequently appreciate why this was a mistake.

Although the first two types of buyers are the most logical for buying serious fixers, even they can fall into some unexpected snares. To complicate this further, the degree of risk is also associated with whether or not the buyer intends to live in the house as a primary residence, or intends to "turn" it for a profit.

Disclosures

The use of the words "As Is" does not change the legal requirement for a seller and his agent to disclose all material facts. A material fact is one that affects the value or desirability of the property. The buyer must make sure to receive and carefully read the

"Transfer Disclosure Statement" (TDS) completed by the seller. A knowledgeable agent will point out possible areas of concern.

The necessity to provide a TDS is waived in certain situations, such as probate sales or transfers where the property was acquired in a trustee sale. Under either of these conditions, a current owner would still be required to disclose in writing any material facts he knows. He may not, however, be personally familiar with the property and, therefore, would have nothing to disclose. This puts the buyer at the disadvantage of having to ferret out all problems on his own.

Final thoughts

A buyer who has a good sense of the homebuying process can save himself a lot of turmoil. This is especially true for As Is sales of properties that need extensive work. In Part 2, the final article of this series, I will cover other items that are essential for a buyer to discern before finalizing an As Is purchase.

Call me if you would like a copy of my previous articles, *Buyers' Do's & Don'ts, Sellers' Do's & Don'ts and Not Just Termites.*

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Fixed rates begin 1997 on the upside

On Jan. 3 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that its Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgages rose 3 basis points to 7.67 percent from last week's 7.64 percent.

In the first week of January, 1996 the 30-year fixed rate was 7.02 percent.

The average start rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) moved down a single basis point to 5.56 percent from last week's average of 5.57 percent.

The ARM start rate began 1996 at 5.46 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance arena, increased 2 basis points from last week's 7.16 percent to 7.18 percent.

This time last year this rate was 6.56 percent.

"The holiday week was calm and uneventful in the financial sector," said Freddie Mac spokesman Robert Van Order.

Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order. "Still we expect rates to remain in the 7.5 to 8 percent range for at least the foreseeable future."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage rates since 1971.

By supplying lenders with the money to make mortgages and packaging the mortgages

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On Dec. 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for January payments at 4.835 percent, down less than a basis point from the 4.839 percent in effect for December payments. The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

'We expect rates to remain in the 7.5 to 8 percent range for at least the foreseeable future.'

—FREDDIE MAC CHIEF ECONOMIST ROBERT VAN ORDER

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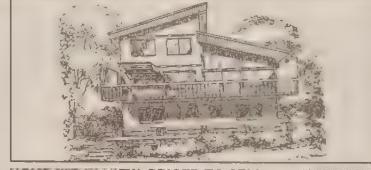
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The percentage of homeowners covered by quake insurance was estimated to be between 20 and 25 percent prior to Northridge. Today, to 70 percent either have it or are busily waiting to get it.

It is anticipated that CEA policies will cost between \$3.55 per \$1,000 of coverage up to \$5.70 per \$1,000 in some areas of the state. Prices will vary by location of the structure, type of construction and

There is no doubt there has been an insurance crisis in California which showed little sign of abating during the nearly two years in which CEA was debated in Sacramento.

The problem began in California more than a decade ago when the state required that insurers offer earthquake coverage to every new home taking out a homeowner's policy and to old customers every year upon renewal.

The insurance companies did a good job of selling earthquake insurance but now claim they are overexposed. Homeowner insurance companies pulled back when they were hit with a double whammy.

The 7.1 Loma Prieta quake attacked Northern California on October 17, 1989, and insurers paid out \$433 million. Then, on January 17, 1994, the Northridge quake hit the L.A. basin. Insurers were wounded for \$8.2 billion in residential losses alone, a total of \$12.5 billion.

Many insurers began rethinking what coverage they offered and shortly thereafter, new fire policies became scarce as hen's teeth. The effective has been impressive. Some

described the CEA as the legislature's attempt to get insurers off the hook in the event of another major quake like Loma Prieta or Northridge.

True, existing policy holders could have their old policies rewritten when they traded up or bought a second home. But, by one estimate,

CEA can be compared to federal deposit insurance.

95 percent of the state's insurance carriers retreated from the market.

The only good news may be that the California Fair Plan, which shut down June 1, has reopened for business as of November 15. The Fair Plan will write fire and quake insurance for people who cannot obtain it from other sources but this is considered to be the market of last resort.

At the moment there is little change in fire policy availability as insurance agents scramble to understand the CEA in order to explain it to their clients. "At this moment, two weeks into the CEA, the market place has not opened," said Nadler.

"My guesstimation is it's going to take the companies 90 days to start making fire policies available again." Some companies may begin to offer quake policies on a quota basis, Nadler said, "where agents can write only a few policies per month."

Some may offer their own to compete with CEA such as Firemans Fund and Safeco which have their own earthquake policies. "We have

been writing homeowner's policies since November 4," said Steve Mahoney, an exclusive agent for Allstate in San Francisco. "We've been selling the mini-policy for the last six months which is basically the same policy as the CEA."

One question that could set CEA policy holders mind at ease would be if CIGA, the California Insurance Guarantee Association, will kick into effect in the event some of the carriers in the fund go belly up.

All CEA endorsers are admitted carriers which means they are paying members of CIGA, a consortium of insurance companies. Members pay a percentage of their earned premiums to cover potential failures of other members.

This can be compared to Federal Deposit Insurance, which covers savings deposits up to \$100,000 if a member bank fails. At the moment, CIGA is awash in cash because not too many insurance companies have failed recently.

Apparently CEA policy holders will be protected with this backup insurance which pays up to \$500,000 per policy. "CIGA is operating to bring funds where an insurer has failed," according to Lee Lewis, technical director of IBA West in San Francisco. "It will not cover CEA but it will cover individual members of CEA. It definitely will become involved if somebody becomes insolvent as a result of a quake."

A representative of CIGA in Los Angeles agreed. If a member went into liquidation, regardless of how that carrier went under, they would have some obligation with regards to claims that were opened with that carrier.

That should eliminate one worry for CEA policy holders.



by Buzz Bertolero

Q: We took down a large Magnolia tree in the lawn and would like to replace it with a flowering crab apple. There is an apple and pear tree nearby that have been hit with Fire blight and Apple Scab so we would need a resistant variety. We don't want a dwarf variety but not a huge one either. Are the fruits messy? If so, are there fruitless varieties? We don't want a weeping form. Hope, they come bareroot?

A. In January, many garden centers have flowering Crabapples bareroot or in packages. There are no fruitless varieties so they have to be sprayed with Florel to abort the fruit set. All the flowering Crabapples are susceptible to Fire Blight but they are resistant to scab in this area. The following is a list of some of the popular varieties that can reach a height of 25-30 feet: Radiant, red buds pink flowers; Snowdrift, pink buds white flowers; Floribunda, red buds white flowers and royalty, purple crimson flowers with purple foliage.

Q: I've tried to make cuttings of my beautiful peppermint carnation and have not succeeded nor can I find new plants. Do you know where I can buy carnation plants or how to make the cuttings so they will grow?

A. Carnation plants are available during the spring at most garden centers. These are young plants in 2-3" plant bands. They usually arrive in assorted mixes with the variegated varieties as part of the mix.

Q: What and how often do you feed herbs? We have three varieties of sage, mint, society garlic, rose, geranium, dill etc. I don't think that fish emulsion is a good idea since we pick the leaves. Also, which herbs do best in the shade?

A. Fish emulsion is water soluble fertilizer, so it washes off with water. I would not have any problem using it. Alternative organic fertilizers are cottonseed meal and hoof and horn. These are slow releasing fertilizers that are applied to the

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Events

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Join Stain Glass Garden's An Introduction to Stained Glass, 7 to 9 p.m. Thurs. evenings, from Jan. 9 to Feb. 6 or 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays from Jan 11 to Feb. 8. Build your very own stained Glass Window. Learn the basic techniques of the craft under the guidance of an experienced professional. Stain Glass Garden is located at 1800 Fourth Street in Berkeley. Call 841-2200 for more information.

The East Bay Chapter of the Older Woman's League (OWL) presents Taking Control Financial Planning for Women Sat., Jan 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Claremont House, 4500 Gilbert

St. in Oakland (just off Pleasant Valley Rd. across from Safeway). The class offers an in-depth financial management overview that includes insurance, investments, savings, retirement planning as well as taxes and estate planning. Call 853-1867 for more information.

Old Oakland CoHousing invites you to a Site Visit of Historic Swan's Market, 2 p.m. Sat., Jan 11. This multiuse development in the heart of Oakland will include a restaurant, bakery, cafe, market, artist work studios, rentals and an outdoor courtyard. Investigate this concept of living in a small-scale neighborhood. Meet at the Pacific Coast Brewery, 906 Washington St. in Oakland. Call 649-7559 for more information.

Piedmont Adult School presents Mark Wilson's Historic Cities of Europe and the Middle East, 7:15

to 9:30 p.m. Mondays beginning Jan. 13. Color slides, lectures and guidebooks will be used to describe the famous and hidden treasures of London, Paris, Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Florence, Venice, Rome, Athens, Jerusalem, Cairo and Amman. The cost is \$40, \$35 for seniors. Call the school at 420-3655 to enroll.

Piedmont Adult School presents Mark Wilson's Historic Architecture of the East Bay, 7:15 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 14. The class uses color slides, lectures and handouts to cover every major architectural style from Spanish Colonial to the Victorian-era, from Bernard Maybeck to Art Deco. The cost is \$40, \$35 for seniors. Call the school at 420-3655 to enroll.

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County, Inc. in conjunction with the Oakland

Association of Realtors (OAR), presents an Asbestos Awareness Course, 2 to 4 p.m. Thurs., Jan 16 at the OAR offices, 1520 Webster St. in Downtown Oakland. Anyone coming in contact with asbestos as a part of their employment is required to take this course. Call 893-9873 for more information.

Building Ecology Forums presents structural engineer and author Bruce King with Specifics of Strawbale Construction, 6 p.m. Wed. Jan 15. The lecture will take place at the PG&E Energy Center, 851 Howard St. in San Francisco, two blocks south of the Powell St. BART Station. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non members.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) hosts its monthly meeting Thurs., Jan. 16 at Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina.

Home inspectors who belong to ASHI or those interested in joining and meeting other professionals are invited to attend. The highlight of the evening will be a variety of round-table discussions on topics relevant to the inspection industry. In addition there will be a regular chapter meeting. The \$35 cost includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for more information.

CMG Mortgage presents Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home, 10 a.m. to noon Sat. Jan. 18. This free workshop will teach you how to minimize closing costs and the difference between a loan with and without mortgage insurance. Learn how to investigate neighborhoods, set your priorities, and select a realty agent. For more information call Karen Ward at 718-2134 or www.reloan.com.

CMG Mortgage presents Estate Financing 101, 10 a.m. to noon Sat. Jan. 25. This free workshop will teach you how to minimize closing costs and the difference between a loan with and without mortgage insurance. Be familiar with lender guidelines, come required to qualify for a loan, low down payment and down payment options and community assistance programs. For more information call Karen Ward at 718-2134 or www.reloan.com.

Wausau Mortgage Corp presents a free First Time Home Buyer Seminar 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sat. Jan. 25. Mona Lisa "Kwa" Caldwell will teach the art of credit repair, discuss what a Realtor can do for you, introduce you to financing options and present a plan that allow you to move into your home at the low initial cost of \$60,000. Call 247-8698 for more information.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

132 BEECHWOOD	Clairemont Pines 4/b/4b, 3 frpl, bay vw, level yd	\$990,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, N. Hinckley 482-4088		
171 ALPINE TER,	Upr Rockridge 4/4+, new classic Med w/grt vws	\$949,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460		
17044 BROADWAY TER,	Montclair 4/b+4/b, courtyd entry, pano vw	\$899,000
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460		
5920 ROSS ST,	Rockridge 4/2½, billard rm, FDR, den, country kit	\$715,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5		
6068 GLENARDS DR,	Montclair new 4bd/3/ba, family rm, views	\$669,000
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400		
6258 RUTHLAND RD,	Montclair 3+/2+, 3/4 acre, SF & GG views	\$619,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460		
13050 BROADWAY Ter,	Montclair European style nw 3/2+, level yd	\$619,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, George Millions 869-4233		
6522 ASCOT DR,	Piedmont Pines 3+b/2½/ba nw Med, canyon setting	\$599,000
Better Homes, Victor Pierro 832-4339		
6240 ACACIA,	Rockridge, new 4bd/3/ba, stately, 3 frpl, family room	\$599,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boe 869-4216		
6126 OCEAN VIEW DR,	4+4½ gracious Rockridge Med, lg lot, vw	\$599,000
J. T. Ward, Vicki Friedman 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4		
6051 GLENARMS,	New Arts & Crafts, 4bd/2½/ba hdwds, landscpd	\$589,000
Coldwell Banker, James Duffy 339-1174		
12363 SKYLINE,	Hillcrest Estates 3bd/3/ba, pano SF view	\$569,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202		
6685 SHEPHERD CANYON RD,	4bd/3/ba, 3475 sq ft, steel	\$569,000
Better Homes, Mel Copland 339-8400		
2177 MANZANITA DR,	Montclair 4bd/3/ba new listing! bay view	\$499,000
Better Homes, Hal Castle 339-9778 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30		
1548 FERNWOOD,	Montclair, 4bd/2½/ba totally remodeled tudor	\$499,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ed Marshall 869-4244		
6580 CHELTEN DR,	New listing! tri-level, grt mstr suite, 2 fam rms	\$459,000
Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174		
6061 RIDGEMONT Dr,	View! a jewell private, gardens, 3-car garage	\$459,000
Coldwell Banker, Donna Ranslem 339-1174		
50 STARVIEW,	2bd/2½/ba Hiller Highlnds townhome, hdwd floors	\$449,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174		
5003 CRYSTAL RIDGE CT,	Custom 4/3, aupair & den, pano views	\$449,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400		
4234 RIDGEMONT CT,	On cul-de-sac, 2700sf, elegant mstr, pool	\$429,000
The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400		
410 MOUNTAIN BL,	Montclair, 4bd w/mstr, 3 updt'd baths, patio, vw	\$429,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400		
249 SHERIDAN,	Upr Rockridge new 3bd/3½/ba, super yd w/lawn	\$429,000
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 339-4000		
958 PARK LN,	Crocker Highlands 4/3, quality craftsmanship, a gem	\$419,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400		
6212 VIEWCREST DR,	Ridgemont 4/3, just listed, 2800sf, bonus rm	\$415,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460		
6178 VIEWCREST DR,	Ridgemont 5bd/4ba includes 2 mstr suites, Ig backyard, community pool, Loh Realy, Paul 339-9825	\$415,000
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5779 BALMORAL,	Oakland Hills, 5bd/3/ba, level/in, custom, pool	\$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Jeffrey Himmer 644-5464		
4238 RIDGEMONT CT,	Spacious open floor plan, 4/2½, cul-de-sac	\$389,900
The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400		
6116 TAFT AVE,	Rockridge, charm! 3/brown Shingle, 2 sun rooms	\$384,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankian 339-0400		
7261 SAYRE DR,	Montclair 4bd/3/ba, custom, decks, hot tub, fenced	\$379,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460		
5080 DUBLIN	Quality Woodminster 5/4, wine rm, wkshop, fab kitchn	\$378,800
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174		
6125 ASPINWALL RD,	Montclair, close to village, 4/4, patio, decks	\$365,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Meyer 339-0400		
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Mason-McDuffie, Irene Pettis 428-0900		
6693 CHABOT RD,	Rockridge 5bd/1/ba, location! grt opportunity	\$349,500
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860		
6774 SIMS DR,	Montclair 3bd/2/ba, remod kitchen, FDR, lg rumpus	\$339,000
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460		
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3231 BRUNELL,	3bd/3½/ba contemp fixer, above Warren freeway	\$334,500
Gadsby & Associates, Lois 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:00		
12550 BROOKPARK,	3/2 on 1/3 acre, pool, parklands vw, fam rm	\$329,000
Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460		
6239 LEONA,	Country in the city! 3½ Spanish Med, pool, solar ht	\$325,000
Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000		
2300 LEIMERT,	Huge \$ reduction! Oakmore 4/3, SF bay vw, rec rm	\$319,500
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6000 LASALLE AVE,	Montclair 3bd/2½/ba, walk to village, reduced	\$319,000*
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434		
55 BUCKEYE,	Rockridge 2bd/1½/ba, straight-on SF vw nice yard	\$312,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, George Millions 869-4233		

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739 SANTA FE,	Big beautiful 3½/1+, remod kit, dt/artist studio, more	\$349,950
Kuwada Realty, Jim Furuchi 849-0224 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4		
806 WASHINGTON,	Pano view! 3bd/2/ba w/separate in-law unit	\$269,000
Red Oak Realty 526-5273 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30		
709 JOHNSON,	Reduced/immaculate 2bd starter, hdwd, att'l garage	\$167,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Connie Hanna 814-4814 OPEN SATURDAY 2:30-4:30		
5421 ROBERTS,	Maxwell Park 2bd/1/ba, don't pay rent/buy here!	\$8,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217 OPEN SATURDAY 1-4		
2240 BENEDICT DR,	3bd/2b, Bay-O-Vista ranch, excellent condition	\$217,000
Gadsby & Associates, Ingrid 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:00		
2015 LUNA AVE,	3bd/2b total remodel, 1750sf, lg yd, nw kit/bath	\$179,000
Rineti & Company, Al Rineti 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30		
2515 OUTRIGGER,	Wonderful 3½/1, tile entry, balcony, garage	\$179,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4		
14163 SEAGATE,	Ground level 2bd condo w/laundry rm, frpl, pool	\$142,000
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7288

The Name of the Business:

Sweet Success Enterprises, 2827 Monument Blvd., #54, Concord, CA 94520, P.O. Box 6551, Concord, CA 94524.

Is registered by the following owner:

Kristine L. Hamden, 2700 B Laguna Circle, Concord, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 26, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 26, 1996.

The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 1997.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 95-3078

The following business has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name AFRICA BY DENNIS at 5700 Osage Place, Concord, CA 94521.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on May 22, 1995.

Phebe Dennis, 5700 Osage Place, Concord, CA 94521.

This business was conducted by an individual.

The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 20, 1996.

The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7216

The Name of the Business:

Bodyshape, 893 Dolphin Drive, Danville, CA 94526.

Is registered by the following owner:

Claudia Bernard, 893 Dolphin Drive, Danville, CA 94526.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 19, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 21, 1996.

The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7168

The Name of the Businesses:

1) Africa By Dennis, 2) Cheetah Fast Works Subpoena Services, 5700 Osage Place, Concord, CA 94521.

Are registered by the following owner:

Robert A.J. Fortt, 5700 Osage Place, Concord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 20, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 20, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7451

The Name of the Business:

Mt. Diablo Business Services, 4190 Irene Dr., Martinez, CA 94553.

Is registered by the following owner:

Shelley J. Guzman, 4190 Irene Dr., Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 20, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 20, 1996.

The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7352

The Name of the Business:

FasterNet Marketing Resource, 705 Frazier Dr., Oakley, CA 94561.

Is registered by the following owner:

Andrew Wili Pels, 705 Frazier Dr., Oakley, CA 94561.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 13, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7495

The Name of the Business:

Diablo Kernels, 2077 Willow Pass Rd., Bay Point, CA 94565.

Is registered by the following owner:

James R. Root, 2071 Willow Pass Rd., Bay Point, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 13, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7285

The Name of the Business:

FasterNet Marketing Resource, 705 Frazier Dr., Oakley, CA 94561.

Is registered by the following owner:

Andrew Wili Pels, 705 Frazier Dr., Oakley, CA 94561.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 13, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7284

The Name of the Business:

Liberty Gold Enterprises, 130 Douglas Rd., Oakley, CA 94561.

Is registered by the following owner:

Mary K. Odel, 130 Douglas Rd., Oakley, CA 94561.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 19, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 26, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7264

The Name of the Business:

Streamline Solutions, 6 Hill Court, Hercules, CA 94547.

Is registered by the following owner:

Sandra Swain, 6 Hill Court, Hercules, CA 94547.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 19, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 19, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7265

The Name of the Business:

Dynamo Concepts, 1544 Bailey Rd. #14, Concord, CA 94521.

Is registered by the following owner:

Norma P. Futhi, 1544 Bailey Rd. #14, Concord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 22, 1996.

The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7268

The Name of the Business:

Greg's Remodeling, 124 Adira Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Is registered by the following owner:

Gregory S. Taylor, 124 Adira Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1996.

The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7269

The Name of the Business:

Greg's Remodeling, 124 Adira Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Is registered by the following owner:

Gregory S. Taylor, 124 Adira Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7270

The Name of the Business:

Cottage Creek Creations, 100 Rose St., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Is registered by the following owner:

Sherry Lynn Gary, 100 Rose St., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 23, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 23, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7271

The Name of the Business:

Possibility Solutions, 30 View Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Is registered by the following owners:

Jack Kemper, 30 View Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Michael Tamoff, 107 Sequoia Glen Lane, Novato, CA.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 23, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 23, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7272

The Name of the Business:

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Is registered by the following owner:

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This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-7278

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